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Highlights of the Annual Concert

The year 1938 will be long remembered as a banner year for our Band. One of the outstanding successes was the annual spring concert, which took place at Faneuil Hall on April 29. An audience of several hundred friends of the Band was present, which was remarkable in view of the very unfavorable weather.

The splendid appearance of the boys in their new uniforms was noted by all. This new dress was made possible by gifts from the friends of the band and we deeply appreciate the very thoughtful consideration shown our boys.

During the concert we were all privileged to meet and talk with Mr. Harry Brenton, '90, one of our very successful graduates in the music field. Mr. Brenton has been devoted to our School since his boyhood. He served as conductor of the band from 1900–1912, and has always been deeply interested in music at our School. After graduating from our School in 1890 his rise in the music profession was rapid. In a short time he was playing with the very finest bands in New England and then he toured nearly world-wide with the great master, John Philip Sousa. As a cornet soloist he had no peer. He later became a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, when he and the late LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82 were the only two American members in the orchestra. Then he became interested in Opera and played in New York, returning to Boston to form the Boston Opera Company and also to go into the music publishing business with E. E. Bagley, one of America's finest composers of band music. Mr. Brenton is now Treasurer of the American Federation of Musicians, a position he has held for many years.

Mr. Brenton was called to the stage and asked to direct the Band. He graciously acknowledged the very warm greeting he received and responded with a brief address of unusual interest. Mr. Brenton told of his early days with the Band, when he played Eb Cornet, which, as he explained, is now an obsolete instrument. He told the audience that although he had received many ovations and thrills in his career none would ever compare with his early joyful experiences as a lad playing in The Farm and Trades School Band. His address was given quietly, and with great sincerity, and will never be forgotten by the audience, particularly the boys in the Band, whom he impressed deeply. He conducted the Band in the "Front Section" March, which was written by his partner in the publishing field, Mr. E. E. Bagley.

Another former conductor of the Band, Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, was also

called upon. He told of the interest of the Alumni in the Band and particularly in the effort expended in making possible the complete new uniform which the Band wore for the first time that evening. Mr. Ellis is chairman of the Alumni Band Committee. The "Show Boy" March, a favorite with Mr. Ellis was then conducted by him.

Repeated encores made the concert quite long, but the great variety of the program made the evening pass swiftly. The two overtures which the Band will present during the coming school festivals, "Soldier of Fortune," by Hildreth, and "Carnival," by Gibb were excellently played. Two selections, "Sullivan's Operatic Gems" and Lampe's "Sunny South" were very much enjoyed. A trombone quartet played unusually well. Solos, duets and a quartet made up of younger boys helped complete the program. Two novelties arranged for the Band by Clifton E. Albee were well presented, and helped balance the program.

The concert was interrupted briefly by a photographer from the Boston Post who took a picture of the soloists. This photograph was reproduced in the Post of Saturday, April 30.

At the completion of the concert the audience gave prolonged applause with practically everyone presenting their personal compliments to the conductor, Mr. Frank L. Warren. Once again the Band had upheld the traditional descriptive earned year after year, "The best Band in the history of the School."

Scout Activities

During the past month the scouts have been working at the camp, getting it ready for the season. Last year everything was new to us and we did not have any experience camping out. This year we have left everything to the individual patrols and each patrol has organized its own camp. The council fire is better than it ever has been, thanks to Mr. Stiles who helped move some huge logs which we use to encircle the fire. Each patrol planned its own camp and some have very good ideas. Thirty-seven boys belong to the troop.

George F. Connors

Overtown Trip

On May 3 and May 4 all the boys went in town with their parents and friends. Half the school went on each day. The trip was arranged so that the boys could be provided with spring clothing and other things which they need. Many of the boys went to the circus too. I went home, in Hingam, and saw all my old friends. I also visited Mr. Foster, who graduated from here many years ago. I am sure all the boys had a fine time.

Robert A. MacSwain

Gardens

For the last few weeks the boys have been stoning and preparing their flower gardens. Seeds were distributed Saturday, and the boys had all afternoon to plant them. Some have seeds which were bought in Boston.

Most of the boys, except those in the graduating class, have gardens and are going to try and get one of the prizes for the best gardens. Allan S. Woodman

Tulip Beds

There are five fine tulip beds on our island. Each fall the beds are made ready for the bulbs. The bulbs are then planted, usually with one color to a bed.

This spring the beds came along fine and we have two beds of yellow tulips, and three of red ones. The yellow tulips are double and are very pretty. The tulips lend vivid color to the surrounding green grass and trees. Winthrop Davidson

Choosing Baseball Teams

On Monday evening, May 2nd, the boys gathered in the Assembly Hall for the purpose of choosing the baseball teams for this year. Three captains were then elected to pick the teams. Every boy in the school who wanted to play ball was chosen on one of the teams. The teams have two divisions, one is for the older boys and the other is composed of the smaller boys. This system makes it possible for each group to play teams of their own age and ability. The leaders and their teams are as follows:

Bears and Cubs

Eliot Bernard, Captain
Arthur E. Mathieu
William F. Reagan
Edgar R. Aldrich
Percie R. Berry
David W. Kenvin
George A. Krebs, Jr.
Warren M. Linnell
Stephen H. Vinal
Calvin L. Wilder
George F. Connors
George R. Davis
John Dunn
Murdock C. Moore
Allan S. Woodman
Linwood L. Meacham
Winthrop Davidson
Henry S. Dixon
Raymond B. Harrington
Stanley C. Morton
Robert G. Ryerson
Lionel Willey
William F. Etheridge
Donald L. Davis

Indians and Tomtoms

Weston O. Page, Captain
Leonard Markley
Theodore R. Davidson
Thomas S. D'Intinosanto
Robert J. English
Thomas C. Kenvin
Howard M. Colpitts
Eugene S. Emerson
George W. Jefferson, Jr.
James R. Langton
Harold K. Malmgren
Richard A. Martin
James G. Connor
John V. Johanson
Roland Hallberg
Ralph E. Hunnewell
James E. McCarthy
William N. Dodge
Russell L. Letson, Jr.
Charles A. Pecce
Dennis C. Reardon
William H. Britton
Ernest Burns

Eagles and Eaglets

Myron A. Pratt, Captain
William D. DeLorie
Warren O. Filz
Rupert H. Gould
Walter R. Nelson
Eugene Proctor
Robert W. Woodman
Charles H. Grant
Wesley C. Gustafson
Donald L. Rice
Frederick W. Russell
Leonard I. Scott
Albert E. Wilder
Donald F. Griswold
Ralph E. Pratt
William L. Schlegel
Warren A. Danner
Axel R. Hallberg
Karl G. Hulten
John J. McGraw
Raymond L. Perry
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One of the great values of life is the opportunity of being close to nature. Nothing can give a person greater appreciation of life than active participation with growing plants, flowers, and animals.

Gazing upon the grand beauty of a fruit orchard in full bloom is an inspiration. If one lives among these natural beauties and works with these trees a deep appreciation develops which cannot be replaced.

Our Island campus is a paradise of natural beauty seldom surpassed in variety and vastness. We see the sunrises, sunsets, the Atlantic Ocean as far as the eye can see on one side dotted with many islands, all around us bays and coves, the Blue Hills in the distance with lesser hills in the foreground, and to the west the Boston skyline and at night almost a complete circle of lights about us. Nothing obscures our vision of the skies and the continuous changes above.

Our own 157-acre island with its dignified Bulfinch mansion surrounded by spacious green lawns, flowers, shrubbery, grand old trees, stately pines, a fruit orchard in full bloom, with a background of elm, maples, oaks, more pines and many other varieties of trees, and the great open fields, some with acres of green grass and other areas planted to various crops, all blend into the picture. Then we see the herd of Guernseys, hundreds of Rhode Island Red hens, chickens, white turkeys and other farm animals.

To grow up amidst this rich natural setting leaves an imprint of appreciation of nature seldom equalled elsewhere. Working with this vegetation and these farm animals is an experience of great value and one of which the city boy is usually deprived.

Topics in Brief

Mr. Lawrence Chidester, professor in the music department of Tufts College is the co-author of a very authentic and authoritative work dealing with the organization, directing and history of school bands in America. The book is the first full-size volume to deal with this subject and has just been published. A splendid full page photograph of our band, taken in 1858, appears in the work and our band is given credit for being a pioneer in this field.

A group of our boys were privileged to hear a concert by the Wheaton College Men's Glee Club at Phillips Congregational Church, in South Boston on April 10. To our great pleasure this splendid group visited us on the following day, thus giving the entire school the pleasure of hearing another concert. The musicianship of this fine group of young men is noteworthy. Our School was happy to be host to the Wheaton Glee Club.

April 19, being Patriot's Day, was celebrated as a holiday at the school. Many of the boys spent the day working on their flower gardens. A baseball game, between the instructors and boys, was won by the instructors.

New fencing is being erected at our tennis court and the court being put in condition. Very soon this sport will be one of the major interests of the boys.

Our Scout Troop went camping for the first time this season on April 21. The camp is operated on a patrol basis and each of the six patrols have shown much ingenuity in preparing the camp areas.

Baseball season has begun, and there have been some interesting games. Very soon competition for the Crosby Shield and Trophies will be underway.

Our farm crews have been busy during the month with regular spring work. Many of the crops are already planted and some of the garden crops, begun in hotbeds, have been transplanted. The farm crews have also prepared and seeded much of the area about the Adams House for lawns.

The Pilgrim III has been thoroughly cleaned, painted and had some adjustments made on her engine during the month. Yachtsmen in our vicinity speak highly of our trim vessel, and we are proud of her splendid appearance.

The annual marble tournaments have been concluded and Stephen Vinal won the Senior tournament with Myron Pratt being the semi-finalist. In the Junior rank Charles Pecce is champion, he having defeated Wesley Gustafson the semi-finalist. These tournaments have been conducted for the past few years and are a source of great pleasure to the boys.

The boys were all given a day in town with their folks during the past week. This provided a very happy and convenient period, particularly in view of the fact that the Nantasket steamers do not make their regular runs until late in May thus postponing visiting day at the School.

Our annual Easter Concert featured the play, "The Way of the Cross", which told the Easter story in a different, yet intensely interesting manner. Eighteen of the boys had part in the play. Other parts of the program included music by the Choir, brass quartet and instrumental

solos and duets. The Concert was well prepared and presented.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, we held a Sunrise Service under the direction of Rev. Harold G. Taylor. The service was quiet and dignified and very impressive.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. This was the annual Fast-day and two of our former scholars, James L. Rockell and William Wells Fowler, visited us.

14. Received a visit from Mr. Ahira Holmes of Plymouth.

16. The boys were addressed by John Hawkins and G. W. Bangay, Esqrs., temperance lecturers.

19. Snow storm. Mrs. Morrison returned.

20. The steamer Mayflower made her first trip to the island for this season with the boys' friends. Moses Grant and Francis Bacon, Esqrs., were present and the exercises were closed by some remarks and a prayer by Rev. Mathew H. Smith.

50 Years Ago

The Superintendent's Diary was discontinued in 1888. No report of the school was printed in that year. This and succeeding issues of the Beacon will contain excerpts from the 1889 Report of the Board of Managers.

"The Corporation is strictly private, with no members or officers of State or City appointment, and the means to carry on its work are the fruits of individual benevolence. For any enlargment of its sphere, any improvements upon its lands and buildings, or its equipment as a School or home, the Institution must depend in the future, as in the past, upon the liberality of those who know its wants and have the means to supply them."

"Undoubtedly it does much, as it ought to do, in the way of reforming any bad habits of the boys whom it receives, and in caring for the morally exposed as well as the indigent, it is constantly engaged in offices of reformation. But it is not a reform school, strictly so called, nor does it intentionally admit any boys for whom a Reform School is a suitable place. On the contrary, the greatest precautions are adopted against receiving such as these; and one of the By-laws of the Corporation expressly enjoins that "No boy shall be admitted, who from his character or other cause, is likely to interfere with the improvement of the pupils in the Institution, or otherwise injuriously affect them."

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	92.80
	$1309.47

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$475.37
Trading Co. Deposits	588.75
Cottage Row Deposits	4.01
Photo Company Deposits	68.17
Surplus	173.17
	$1309.47

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 78° on the twenty-third.

Minimum Temperature 7° on the first.

Mean Temperature for the month 40°. Seven clear days, eight partly cloudy, and sixteen cloudy.

Painting the Pilgrim III

We have just finished putting the first coat of paint on the Pilgrim III. The color scheme will be different than that of last year, as the doors and trimmings are painted brown. The top decks are painted buff. The funnel is painted with the School colors, Gold and Blue. The cabins and hull are white, with the main decks and bulwarks battleship gray. The bottom is painted red with copper paint.

Leonard I. Scott

Our Senior Banquet

The Sophomore Class, being the graduating class, is the senior group in the school and every year the members have a class banquet. This year the event was held on May 5th. Guests included the Faculty and members of both the Junior and Freshman classes.

The party began at eight o'clock with a grand march. After dancing for a time we adjourned to the dining room where a very fine dinner was served. Walter R. Nelson was Toastmaster. Among the speakers were our Headmaster, Principal and other faculty members. Presidents of the three upper classes also spoke.

The Banquet was well planned, and enjoyed by all.

William J. Bevans, Jr.

Farm Work

I am always glad to be working on the farm at this time of year because this is what we call "planting season." So far we have planted oats, beans, peas, tomatoes, and potatoes. The potatoe give us the most work, because each one must be sliced into pieces, and each piece must contain two "eyes". After the potatoes are cut up for seed they are carried to the field. Fertilizer is placed in the rows. The potatoes are then placed in the rows at about eleven inch intervals. They are then covered with soil.

Frederick Russell

The Brass Quartet

Each year two quartets are selected from the musicians of the band. One quartet is called the "senior quartet", while the other is called the "junior quartet". The senior quartet plays at other churches and for other organizations. Among some of the places that the senior quartet has played for this year are a church in Hyde Park and also for a church in Weymouth. We enjoy very much all these trips and also the pleasure of playing for other organizations.

William D. DeLorie

The Jester's Comments

—Richard "Bimbo" Bemis, when asked what the dessert was for dinner replied, "I dunno, cake and pie, sort of a half-breed kind." The bakery reported the exact name of the dish "whip cream pie."

—John Dunn, whose taste runs to vivid hues in all forms of clothing feels decidedly strange when he has to wear a plain white shirt. When getting ready for a band trip he had six pair of circus sox, fine shirts of orange, red and pink shades, but alas, no proper kind for the band uniform. John's stock has been replenished, but only to a bare minimum, as far as white shirts go.

—Charlie Averill practices his singing lessons while sleeping. Charlie is a busy boy and has little time to study his music during the regular daytime periods.

—Embarrassing moments. Bill DeLorie sitting on the band hall steps waiting for the other members of the brass quartet, who in turn were waiting on the deck of the Pilgrim III for Bill. The boat was only ten minutes late, waiting for the waiter.

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W. MARSHALL HALL, '27, is now playing string bass, and has played this instrument in many recent engagements.

JOHN A. PALEY, '29, and WARREN N. PRATT, '29, are busily engaged by a chain of gasoline filling stations. They are painting and otherwise making the filling stations ready for the summer season.

We are indebted to Secretary of the Association, MERTON P. ELLIS, '99, for gifts of magazines and victrola records.

EDWIN C. WILLEY, '37, has nearly recovered from a serious hand injury, which he received while at work in a printing office. Fortunately he sustained no permanent injury.

Regarding Band Uniforms

It has been considerable of a problem to provide the usual spring excursions of the Band for this year and also to see that the boys were dressed in a new uniform. The graduates have undertaken to assist and the support has been most gratifying. At this time there is a deficit which must be met. However, some of the alumni are making contributions to the Association Fund this month, so we hope to report in the next issue that the deficit has been subscribed.

LEANDER E. DOREY, '23, writes from the Virgin Islands, where he is now stationed. Interested as always in our Band, he sent a contribution from his new location, VMS-3, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

JAMES D. SMITH, whose very interesting letter appeared on this page last month, left the School almost three quarters of a century ago, in 1866. He was 16 years old when he left Thompson's Island. He is now 88 years young.

JAMES T. RITCHIE, '36, is attending Mechanic Arts High School. He was a recent visitor. It was with regret that he could not attend our recent Band Concert, but he was participating in another musical event that evening. He is active in school and church societies, and is continually in demand on various programs.

We have received a very interesting note from WILLIAM E. NELSON, '31. He is living at 274 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California, and is in the employ of the Union Oil Company. He enjoys living in the West, and does not expect to again reside permanently in this part of the country.

FREDERICK S. VERY, '33, has been employed by the Buck Printing Company for the past two years. He enjoys his work and the associations he has made. Very recently he visited us for a weekend stay. More and more of our boys are entering the field of printing and its allied arts, for, as this graduate states, the industry is far more stable than others in periods of business stress.

Any news about our graduates would be appreciated. Such news would be printed on this page. —Editor

Remember—Alumni field day June 4.

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A Noteworthy Trip

On May 20 and 21 our Band had the great privilege of participating in the New England Music Festival, at Burlington Vermont. Fifty-four of our boys made the trip, which took four full days, the longest excursion which any group from our school has ever made. When Burlington was chosen a year ago as the host city for the Festival we were a little concerned because the distance necessitated considerable expense. We had taken a part in every State and New England Festival since their inception some twelve years ago, visiting every New England state with the exception of Connecticut. For a time it appeared as though we might have to forego this Festival. However, our host of friends who realize the value of these music festivals, raised sufficient funds for the band to make the trip.

We left the Island at eight o'clock the morning of May 20 and had two fine busses from the Rawding Bus Line. We stopped at a park in Keene, N. H., where we had lunch. Our kitchen people had packed a fine lunch for us, consisting of sandwiches, fruit and cakes.

Upon arriving at Middlebury, Vt., we went to the college grounds where we were welcomed by Mr. E. J. Wiley, Director of Admissions at Middlebury College. After a very fine supper at the College dining room we were shown about the campus, enjoying thoroughly the quiet and dignity of one of the oldest colleges in New England. We then prepared to play a concert for our hosts. We played for about an hour, the program consisting of a variety of compositions all of which were well received. Previous to the concert the the boys gave an exhibition of marching and drilling. Our visit to Middlebury was one of the more enjoyable features of the trip and we appreciate deeply the kindness of the college authorities, and particularly Mr. Wiley, who was our host.

We arrived at Burlington at about ten o'clock that evening and were welcomed by Secretary John E. Merker and Host Chairman John E. Booth of the Festival Association. The boys played a short concert on the steps of the Municipal Auditorium and paraded through the city to the State Armory where our quarters were during our stay.

On Friday we had breakfast at 7:30 at the Methodist Episcopal Church. We ate all our meals at this church while in Burlington and found everything most satisfactory. It was very evident that the Festival Committee had planned, and planned well.

Unfortunately it was raining as only it can in the Spring in New England during this first day. It takes more than

rain to dampen the spirit of American Youth and the thousands of school boys and girls went on with the program in festival spirit. The morning was devoted to a sail on Lake Champlain. The steamer Ticonderoga was crowded with the happy throng. This boat, slightly larger than the Nantasket steamers, had plenty of room under cover and all present had a happy time. This steamship line was the second to be organized in the world, and the officers outdid themselves to make the sail as pleasant as possible.

We played our festival program that afternoon, directly after dinner. Dr. Irving Cheyette judged the boys and his summary showed nothing but A's and B's, the two highest ratings possible. We played in the high school gymnasium and the program included Bagley's "National Emblem" March, Overture "Soldier of Fortune," by Hildreth and the "Carnival" Overture by Gibb.

The remainder of the afternoon was given over to a fine moving picture show. Each Festival participant was given admission to either of the city's best theatres. The pictures at the theatres were chosen with a view of providing good entertainment to high school boys and girls.

That evening a concert was held in the Municipal Auditorium which was attended by more than 3500. At this concert twenty-seven bands and orchestras played selections of their choice. School organizations from each of the New England states took part. Our band played a novelty composition entitled,"The Farm and Trades School Has a Band," by Clifton E. Albee '21. The boys were greeted most enthusiastically by the audience, and the Burlington papers commented most favorably on the performance of the group.

The following day was a busy one for the boys. During the morning there were inspections of various private and municipal buildings. Swimming and other sports in the Community "Y" were enjoyed. Many of the boys took the opportunity of visiting other bands. Shortly after dinner the formation of the parade took place. Our band was the third unit in the first division, of which there were four. The parade was the longest in the history of the Festival Association. The streets were excellently policed and the fine wide avenues made it possible for each band to display its marching ability to the best advantage. The main route of the parade was through the main streets of the town, ending at the University of Vermont athletic field.

After arriving at the field the boys were given a few minutes rest and then they were called upon to give an exhibition of marching and drilling. We have taken part in such exhibitions year after year with excellent results, and this year was no exception. Our band went through its intricate formations with such precision that roars of applause came continually from the thousands of spectators. Other bands followed and each gave truly remarkable demonstrations.

During the afternoon it was the great pleasure of the audience to listen to Governor George D. Aiken of Vemont, and to Mayor Louis F. Dow of Burlington. Both spoke highly of the Festival and of the great value of music in the schools.

All the bands had the pleasure of being directed by Captain Charles O'Neil, Bandmaster of the Royal 22nd Regiment Band. Captain O'Neil has earned a high place in the music field, and his band was selected to furnish music for the Coronation of King George VI last year. He directed the school musicians in several

favorite selections.

Following the performance on the field our Band took its place in the grandstand to play for the University of Vermont-Trinity baseball game. The game was featured by many fine plays, and Vermont happily won the verdict 4-3.

That evening a dance was held for the participants in the Festival. Two orchestras had been engaged and the huge auditorium was crowded with the happy throng. It was the closing event of a great Festival. Mr. John E. Booth, Host Chairman, gave the valedictory. It was largely through his personal efforts that the Festival came to Burlington, and he expressed himself as being "tremendously happy," at the outcome of a really gigantic undertaking.

We left Burlington early the following morning for a leisurely trip to Boston and Thompson's Island. The Festival, from beginning to end, had been an outstanding success. Our boys had earned further honor and glory for our School and had created most favorable impressions wherever they appeared. The 1938 Festival will be always remembered with happiness.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 81° on the twenty-fourth.

Minimum Temperature 41° on the fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 56°.

Four clear days, ten partly cloudy, and seventeen cloudy.

The Jester's Comments

—Ye Jester takes this opportunity to say "Farewell" to the members of the Class of 1938. When "Willie" Page saw an object bobbing on the water seven or eight years ago and inquired if the object was a rock the incident was noted in this column. Since then each of the graduating boys has been mentioned likewise. "Bill" Brewer, Francis Sheldon and Percie Berry have all been accused of being uncommonly slow, yet they have attained various goals they strived for. Bob Woodman and "Bunker" Bean both wished to become farmers, and apparently they will be, even though the course of training was strewn occasionally with something besides flowers. "Fat" Nelson yet aspires to be a singer and Tom D'Intinosanto changes his mind each fortnight about his ambition– to both Ye Jester extends best wishes. Steve Vinal is not going to continue in business on State Street and "Sqeaky" Linnell is going to visit the "sixth best doctor in the world". George Krebs is returning to his adored Stoughton township, and the Kenvin brothers, Dave and Tom are straining at the bit, hoping that the world will not entirely disintegrate before they can remedy matters. Edgar R. Aldrich is going to honor Dedham high school with his presence and Bob English is going to retire to a small place in the country,– just a few hens and a cow, you know. Along with some of the others Myron Pratt and Gene Proctor are planning to learn a little more – perhaps here perhaps elsewhere. If Ted Davidson and Otto Filz go in the laundry business "Butch" Bernard and Gordon Goodwin expect to have their laundry done gratis. Should this happen, where would "Porcupine" Gould be? Whoever answered "Skipping along the laundry shafting" is correct. And Cal Wilder, after viewing these printed remarks adds the thought that he'll keep his personal hopes to himself.

Goodby, '38, its been a lot of fun mentioning you in this column for the past few years.

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Our School is completing eighty-two years of successful band accomplishment. Much favorable comment has been made and many interesting articles have been written about this movement started here in 1857 and now generally recognized as essential in schools all over this Country.

Our Band has participated in every Massachusetts State Music Festival and in every New England Festival since they were started eleven years ago. Our band has consistently stood high in competition and has always received superior ratings.

The size of our band has reached a maximum beyond which a school of this enrollment should not attempt to go. The regular band consists of fifty-four boys in uniform of which number forty-eight play instruments. This is sixty percent of the total enrollment of the School.

Carrying this point a bit further we find the almost amazing fact that twenty-seven of the twenty-nine members of the two upper classes, or ninety-three percent play musical instruments. Seventy-one boys, or seventy-nine percent of the total present enrollment, have learned or are learning to play instruments. All but five of the fifty-two boys in the three upper classes play in the band or are learning.

Every boy appreciates the contributions by many friends for their new band uniforms and towards their expenses to the two music festivals. It was this generous response which made it possible for these fifty-four boys to go on these music trips, all neatly dressed in new uniforms. Every

one of these boys will carry through life a happy memory of the four-days trip to the shores of Lake Champlain in Vermont and the kind friends who made it possible.

Band Fund

Alumni Contributions . . .	$299.20
Other Contributions . . .	779.20
Receipts, South Boston . . .	77.00
Receipts, Faneuil Hall . . .	363.75
Balance from 1934	52.29
Balance from 1935-37	489.99
Total Receipts	$2061.43

New Uniforms	$874.25
Faneuil Hall Expenses . .	25.00
State Festival Expenses . . .	50.00
New England Festival Expenses	487.05
Total Expenditures	$1436.30
Balance on hand	625.13
	$2061.43

Topics in Brief

Cottage Row Government has conducted our Memorial Sunday Service for many years, and this year Mayor Frederick Russell was in charge. Cold and wet weather made it necessary to hold the service in our Chapel, the first time we have not been able to go to the cemetery in many years. The program was quiet and dignified and the various parts commendable. Following the service officials of the government went to our cemetery at South End and decorated the graves.

On Memorial Day we held our annual track meet. The boys are divided into four groups, according to age and ability, and the better known track and field events are staged. Each of the four groups has its own track meet, under the direction of a faculty member, and all excepting a few of the boys take part. Medals are given the winner and runner-up in each class and candy prizes are given all participants, This is the third year we have used this system, and it has proved successful beyond all expectations. The medals awarded are the Joyce Easter Meacham awards.

Cottage Row Government has been especially active during the month and all of the cottages are undergoing repairs, painting and landscape gardening of one kind or another. As one might expect, this is the season of greatest activity of our pioneer boys' government, and the enthusiasm and energy of the citizens seems unlimited.

On May 23 the Graduating Class gave a program at our weekly assembly which was of much interest. The record each boy made while at the school was given. Parts of the program were serious, while much was of a humorous nature. Music was furnished by a twenty piece band made up entirely of class members.

The Bulfinch front of our Main Building has been cleaned and the woodwork painted. Looking from Squantum and Neponset our Island presents a most attractive picture, and most noticeable are the white pillars on the Main Building, an architectural feature which characterizes all of Bulfinch's work.

Hobbies play an essentially important part in the everyday lives of our boys. Woodworking, photography, other arts and crafts, flower gardening and reading are at present the principal interests. From time to time the desire to collect all sorts of pictures, stamps, and other things is observed. Oftentimes a hobby develops into a most worth-while activity. For

instance, one of our younger graduates was commended recently in the press for his amazing ability to construct telescopes, a hobby which he followed continually throughout his schooldays here. Another young alumnus not so long ago intercepted an important message on his amateur home-constructed short wave radio. His playtime interest here was principally radio.

Older people need only to see that time and encouragement are given the youngsters and hobbies will develop themselves. It is true, also, that the great majority of hobbies are of a practical educational nature, and most worthwhile.

Six teams are playing in our usual Crosby baseball competition. Nine games have been played and the Eagles, who are captained by Myron A. Pratt, are leading their league. The teams in the Junior league are having a very closely fought competition. Numerous other games than those in the regular schedule have been played, including a series between the boys' team and the faculty. Always a popular sport, baseball retains its great interest year after year.

50 Years Ago

The members of the Board were: Charles P. Bowditch, President; Arthur Dexter, Vice-President; Alfred Bowditch, Treasurer; George L. DeBlois, Secretary; and Eben Bacon, Robert H. Gardiner, George A. Gardner, Henry S. Grew, John Homans, 2nd, E. Francis Parker, Francis Shaw, Thomas F. Temple, William F. Wharton, Alex. S. Wheeler, Managers.

"Mr. William A. Morse, for over thirty years the Superintendent of the School, owing to advancing years was obliged to resign his position last year. The best portion of his life was given to the work at the School, and the amount of good accomplished by him during this long term of years is incalculable. The school is now under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradley, Superintendent and Matron respectively. They have held their positions for about a year, and the present satisfactory condition of the school shows that they thoroughly understand the work required of them."

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. This being May-day we went to the city with the boys, and visited the Merchant's Exchange and State House. At the latter place, they were much gratified in being severally introduced to the Governor—thence we went to the Tremont Temple and heard several temperance speeches and good singing, marched through the crowd to the Common and back to Long Wharf where all embarked on board of the Vision.

18. The steamboat made her second visit to the island with the friends of the boys.

20. Received a visit from Mr. Littlefield and others belonging to the Asylum for the Blind.

21. Mr. Geo. N. Richardson and Mr. Talbot from Cambridge University addressed the school.

28. Mr. Bush of the Theological School, Cambridge, addressed the boys.

31. Hugh Mack, a good boy while here left to-day and returned to his mother in the city. Catherine Cleary left, having been here nearly three years.

Preparations for Memorial Day

Each year on Memorial Day the boys are divided in groups according to their age and ability. About a month before Memorial Day the supervisor puts out all the equipment for Memorial Day,

shot put, high jump, pole vault, hurdles, etc. Each day the boys go up to the field and practice so that they will be able to do their best. Many of the boys are practicing the mile run, cross country, etc., but very few boys can do the pole vault. I hope to be able to do the pole vault before I graduate.

Edgar R. Aldrich

Second Team Baseball

The first scheduled second team baseball game of this year was played on May 17. The game was played by the Cubs, captained by George F. Connors, and the Eaglets, captained by Robert W. MacWha.

Most of the scoring was confined to the first inning. This was due to the fact that neither of the pitchers were properly warmed up.

The final score of the game was Cubs eleven and the Eaglets eight. It was a fine game to watch being full of action and smart baseball.

Winthrop Davidson

Getting Ready for Graduation

The week of graduation is a busy week for everyone here. The principal events are: Alumni Field Day, Farewell Dance, Class Excursion, and finally Graduation.

The boys in the Band are very busy getting ready to play on some of these days.

All the boys are getting their suits pressed and making sure that everything they have is in good condition for the big week.

Donald F. Griswold

Working on Sloyd Models

I have been spending my spare time finishing my sloyd course, and making extra models. I have completed a large mirror. Now I am putting the finishing touches on my chest. I hope that next year I may make many other models during sloyd periods, and during all my spare time.

It is a great opportunity for any boy to make whatever he wishes, and most of the boys make many fine articles of woodwork. I spend much of my play-time at this work.

Weston O. Page

The Asparagus Patches

Just north of the Vegetable Cellar there are two asparagus patches. We have already had some of this vegetable in our dining room. The crop is better than it has been during the past few years. One day my job was to hoe dirt around the plants, which are from eight inches to two feet tall.

Theodore R. Davidson

Decorating Our Cottage

During the past few days the owners of the Bradley Cottage have spent much of their time working there. All the cottages look well, and I think the Bradley looks as well as any. We decorated the cottage with pictures, pennants and some souvenirs. One of the pennants is marked "Burlington, Vermont". We have an anchor with a thermometer attached also marked with the name of the same city. Both of these we got while at the music festival there. We have many framed pictures of the island, the graduates and some of the boys. All our furniture has been painted and everything looks well. We are waiting for our friends to come and visit us, and see our cottage.

Ralph E. Pratt

"When two people argue the one with the most intelligence is at fault." Remember this when you are tempted to prolong foolish argument.

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RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, is employed as a salesman for a boat concern. He has sold a number of the small type craft, with outboard motors for which the demand is great this year. His address is 476 Freeport Street, Dorchester.

ROBERT H. (YOUNG) DELUDE, '35, is now living at 226 Lenox Street, Norwood Mass., and has been assisting in a newspaper plant in that city.

FREDERICK AUSTIN, '26, is employed by the Standard Shipping Company, the address of the concern being 30 Rockefeller Pt., New York City, N. Y.

ELVIN C. BEAN, '36, has recently entered the employ of a large milk concern, an opportunity for which he has been waiting for some time. His address is 511 Pleasant Street, Melrose, Mass.

ROY M. DOLE, '35, is employed by a large Boston banking concern. His address is 52 Highland Street, Reading. He writes interestingly of his work.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN, '21, is in the marble business in New York City and has done well in this field. His address is 4842 44th Street, Woodside, Long Island, N. Y.

ROBERT E. DUDLEY, '16, who has been a salesman for candy concerns for some years keeps in constant touch with the Association, and has served on committees frequently. His address is 25 Clyde Street, Belmont.

HORACE E. FADER, '37, is employed on a farm in Natick, and attending high school. He lives at 27 Grove Road, Overbrook Station, Mass.

LEWIS C. GOODWIN, '36, is completing his high school work at Wellesley High School. He is the star pitcher on the baseball team. His address is 130 Oakland Street, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

We are happy to report the slow, but gradual, improvement in the health of JACK HOBSON, '27. He has had a long and discouraging siege of sickness but has kept his hopes high through it all. He lives at 31 Power Street, Norton.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON, '22, is living at 69 Belnel Road, Hyde Park, Mass. A short time ago he was in an audience to which our Headmaster spoke, and at which occassion the brass quartet played.

JOHN P. DAVIS, '35, will be remembered as an amateur astromonist. The Boston Globe of recent date speaks of his ability as a telescope constructor. He lives at 70 Fenton Avenue, Laconia, N. H.

ALBERT G. RICHARDSON, '36, is a student at Cambridge Latin. His home address is 4 Ellsworth Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

Six members of the Class of 1937, who are taking post-graduate work at F. T. S. were the guests of Principal and Mrs. George R. Ronka at a beach picnic on May 25.

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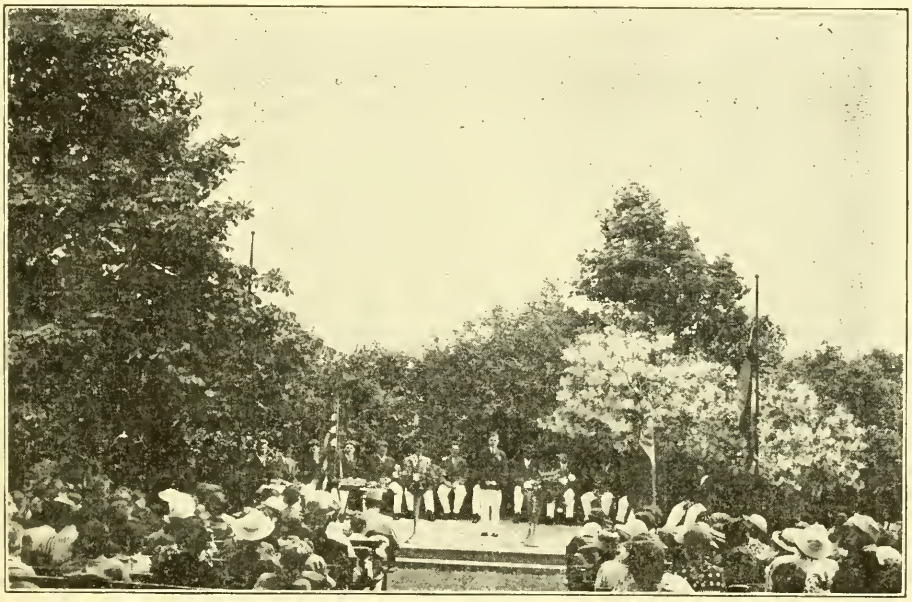

A Graduation Scene

Graduation

Graduation Exercises of the Class of 1938 were held amidst the beautiful surroundings of our outdoor stage on the South Lawn on Thursday morning, June ninth. About four hundred were present, they arriving in the steamer Mayflower, of the Nantasket-Boston line.

Mr. Robert Cutler, prominent Boston attorney, was the speaker of the day. His talk did not follow the conventional tone of most Commencement orators. Instead he called attention to the fact that personal liberty was not accidental and did not result from a touch of magic. Furthermore he pointed out the fact that even though we may have personal liberty and freedom it is not certain that we always shall. He urged all to be constantly on guard to preserve and defend the principles of Americanism. He gave his address sincerely, and with those qualities

which make it of deep significance.

The program opened with the Class Processional, led by Murdock C. Moore of the Class of '39. This was followed by the "Soldier of Fortune" Overture, by Hildreth, played by the Band. Reverend William P. Green then gave a very fine Invocation.

The Salutatory was delivered by Eugene Proctor, who followed with a very fine discussion on "The History of American Journalism". The paper was excellently prepared and very ably delivered.

A musical selection entitled "Long Long Ago" arranged for a clarinet solo, was played by Francis S. Sheldon. This rendition was most excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed. The arrangement was by Ritter.

Weston O. Page followed with the Class Will in which the class as a whole and also individually bequeathed certain inalienable rights to the lower classmen.

The presentation of the School Banner by Class President Weston O, Page, '38 to the President of the Class of 1939, Howard M. Colpitts, followed. President Colpitts received the banner with the promise that his class would uphold the honor and traditions for which the banner stands.

Thomas C. Kenvin gave the Valedictory. The subject of his address which followed was "The General Field of Law." All listened with much interest, and the essay was delivered in a very creditable manner.

President Arthur Adams introduced Mr. Robert Cutler, who gave the address.

Headmaster William M. Meacham presented the diplomas. Certificates were awarded to six boys who took the post graduate course, consisting of the third year high school work. Four boys received diplomas in Sloyd, five received Agriculture diplomas and seven received diplomas in Forging. Many other prizes and awards were made, and a detailed list will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The program was concluded by the playing of Bagley's famous march "Front Section" by the Band.

The program was excellently prepared and provided a fitting climax to a most successful school year.

Honor Roll—Spring Term

Junior Class: William F. Reagan, 87; Charles F. Averill, 85.5.

Sophomore Class: Warren O. Filz, 95.3; Weston O. Page, 93.3.

Freshman Class: Wesley C. Gustafson, 93.8; Murdock C. Moore, 91.3.

Eighth Grade: Warren A. Danner, 93.4; Winthrop Davidson, 92.2.

Seventh Grade: Ralph E. Pratt, 94; James E. McCarthy, 93.

Sixth Grade: James F. St. Coeur 90.2; Donald Davis, 87.5.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term:

Junior Class: Charles F. Averill, William D. DeLorie.

Sophomore Class: Warren O. Filz, Thomas C. Kenvin, George A. Krebs, Jr., Weston O. Page, Myron A. Pratt, Stephen H. Vinal.

Freshman Class: Howard M. Colpitts, Eugene S. Emerson, Murdock C. Moore, Wesley C. Gustafson.

Eighth Grade: Warren A. Danner, Winthrop Davidson, Axel R. Hallberg, Russell L. Letson, Jr., William C. Morse.

Seventh Grade: James E. McCarthy, Ralph E. Pratt.

Sixth Grade: Ernest Burns.

The Class Ride

Every year, at Graduation time, President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers, invites the graduating class members on an excursion to some well known place. This year we went to Bensons' Animal Farm, in Nashua, New Hampshire.

We left the Island at about ten o'clock on June 6, and had a bus which was chartered for the trip. We had a very pleasant ride to New Hampshire. At lunch time we had an excellent lunch, prepared for us by the kitchen instructors.

The animal farm was different than we imagined it would be. All kinds of rare animals held our interest, and we saw many animals which we shall not forget soon. Some of the boys are planning to visit the place again.

We all wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Adams for his kindness.

Robert J. English

Fun at the Camp

During vacation most of the boys went to the Scout camp after supper where we had much fun. The boys enjoyed swimming mostly and much sport was held in the water. Some of the boys played swimming tag games, while others made makeshift rafts from driftwood off the beach. We went in the camp and played other games, such as volleyball, dodge ball and horseshoe pitching. When it became dark we built a fire and sat around it telling stories. All the boys looked forward to the evenings at camp.

Winthrop Davidson

Mosquito Prevention

The swamp land at south end, and other places on the Island are breeding places for mosquitos. These pests breed in any place where there is water. A tin can, half full of water will breed countless numbers. It is my duty to find such places and spray an oil covering so as to prevent larvae from leaving the water.

There are about three acres of swamp land, with ditches which may be utilized to drain most of the water into the ocean. Water which remains in the ditches must be covered with oil. Spraying is done with a five gallon outfit, which throws a fine spray from 25 to 30 feet. It takes about two weeks to do a thorough job spraying likely breeding places.

Murdock C. Moore

Storing Blankets

The dormitory boys stored all the winter blankets in large chests in the East Loft as soon as the warm weather arrived. We laid the blankets in the chests, which had plenty of moth balls. Every time I put my head in the chests the moth ball odor made me sneeze. From that day on the boys have called me "Sneezy". We stored the blankets nicely, and closed the chests as tightly as possible.

James F. St. Coeur

A Harbor Cruise

One Sunday, not long ago, about thirty of the boys went on a cruise down the harbor on our boat, the Pilgrim III. It was a good clear day, and we could see the harbor islands very plainly. There were many boats in the harbor. We went to Graves Light and saw the wreck of the City of Salisbury. It was broken into two pieces, and resting on the ledge near the light. Coming back to the Island we went quite close to Spectacle Island and saw the Snetind, which had a garden on the deck among other things. We had a good trip.

Ernest Burns

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Honors and Awards

The prizes, honors and awards which were announced on Graduation Day were as follows:

William D. DeLorie, '37, was awarded the Francis Shaw Scholarship for the academic year 1937-38.

The Guy Lowell Cups were awarded to the following:

Raymond Marland Bean, in Agriculture; William D. DeLorie, the Band Cup; William D. DeLorie, in Printing; Myron A. Pratt, in Sloyd; William D. DeLorie, for Senior tennis champion; and Harold K. Malmgren, Junior tennis.

The Charles P. Curtis Mathematics prizes were awarded Warren O. Filz, of the Sophomore Class, Maxwell M. Clark, of the Freshman Class.

The following achieved distinction in conduct and effort throughout the academic year:

Charles F. Averill, Raymond M. Bean, Eliot Bernard, William J. Bevans, Howard M. Colpitts, William D. DeLorie, David W. Kenvin, Thomas C. Kenvin, Leonard Markley, Murdock C. Moore, Weston O. Page, Myron A. Pratt, Eugene Proctor, William F. Reagan and John C. Simens.

The Shaw Prizes for Conduct and Effort for the past six months were awarded in the order in which the names appear:

Ralph E. Pratt, Albert E. Wilder, Axel R. Hallberg, William B. Pratt, Calvin L. Wilder, Roland Hallberg, Stanley C. Morton, Donald L. Davis, Richard A. Martin, George F. Connors.

The Temple Consolation Prizes: George W. Harris, Henry S. Dixon, Stephen H. Vinal, William H. Britton, Dennis C. Reardon.

Meteorology Awards were earned by George Krebs Jr., Percie R. Berry, Robert

J. English, Stephen H. Vinal, Warren M. Linnell, Edgar R. Aldrich, Eugene Proctor, Thomas C. Kenvin, Walter Nelson and Weston O. Page.

Certificates for proficiency in First Aid were awarded by the American Red Cross to Howard M. Colpitts and Charles F. Averill, Senior Rank, and the following received awards for Junior Rank: Edgar R. Aldrich, Henry S. Dixon, Thomas S. D'Intinosanto, Robert Garfield Ryerson, William N. Dodge, Eugene Proctor, William E. Brewer, Donald L. Rice, Percie R. Berry, Warren Otto Filz, Gordon K. Goodwin, and Richard J. Nelson.

The Joyce Easter Meacham Trophies for 1938 were won by Myron A. Pratt, William D. DeLorie, and William Brewer in the Varsity meet. The Senior meet was won by John Dunn and Warren O. Filz. Arthur Roulston and Murdock C. Moore won the Junior awards while Donald L. Davis and Robert G. Ryerson won the Cub awards.

Stephen H. Vinal won the Senior Marble tournament cup, and Charles A. Pecce, the Junior.

School letters in Basketball were awarded Captain William D. DeLorie, Leonard Markley, Eliot Bernard, Myron M. Pratt, Raymond M. Bean, and David W. Kenvin.

The Sears basketball shield and trophies were awarded to: The Coyotes won the shield. They were captained by Charles A. Pecce. Individual awards went to Charles A. Pecce, Richard A. Martin, George A. Krebs Jr., Thomas S. D'Intinosanto, Walter R. Nelson, Robert J. English and Francis S. Sheldon.

Band prizes given by Director Frank L. Warren went to Robert J. English and Robert G. Ryerson.

Topics in Brief

The month has been a busy one for everyone. Of course the outstanding event of the Commencement program were the Graduation exercises. We were fortunate in having as the speaker of the day Mr. Robert Cutler, who delivered a most timely address. The various parts of the program were well presented.

An unusual event took place on Graduation Day when the Nantasket steamer found it impossible to land at our wharf at the conclusion of the exercises. Those who wished were taken to South Boston in our boat. A large number elected to spend the day on the Island visiting with their boys. All had a very happy time and the last to leave went at about eight o'clock when the Nantasket boat found the tide had risen to a sufficient height to make a landing.

President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers, invited the Graduating Class on an excursion to the famous animal farm in Nashua, N. H. The Class enjoyed the trip, and to most of the members it was a decided novelty. It has been through the kindness of Mr. Adams that our graduating classes have enjoyed a similar excursion annually for many years.

One of our Graduation week features is the Class Supper, given the members of the class by Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham, is of fairly recent origin. Yet the very happy time which has ensued has made the event of such importance that the boys now look forward to it with pleasant anticipation. This year the Class Supper took place on Tuesday preceding Graduation, on the South Lawn.

The Graduation Dance was held in the Assembly Hall on June 7, and staged by the Class of 1939 in honor of the Class of 1938. A pleasant, cordial evening was enjoyed. Everything connected with the dance showed careful planning and the Class of 1939 should be congratulated for the happy evening.

Following Graduation vacations for the boys were begun. The vacations range from a week to nearly four weeks, depending entirely upon the individual records achieved by each student.

The Annual Alumni Field Day, held on June 4, was a most enjoyable occasion. The graduates look forward with delight to this annual gathering, and are always particularly happy to visit the scenes of their boyhood.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

3. James McManners went to live with Mr. Nathaniel Ford, a farmer in Weymouth.

4. Geo. H. Bemis, Esq. addressed the school.

26. Commenced mowing.

30. Moses Grant, Esq., and a few of the friends of the boys made a visit to this place in the steamer, the rain preventing most of the parents from seeing their children.

50 Years Ago

"Besides the Superintendent and Matron there is a head master, Mr. F. E. Allard, and an assistant, Miss Barnes. The studies taught are reading, spelling, writing, written and mental arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, drawing, &c. Vocal and instrumental music are also taught. The skill attained by the band is such as surprises and delights visitors; and boys who have shown a capacity and taste for music have in several instances obtained situations where they earned a good living, by following as a profession the art they began at the school. The new building, erected in 1881, was needed chiefly to carry out an idea of the Managers that something in the nature of an industrial school would be a useful addition to the course of study. Besides carpenters' tools, a printing press with the necessary outfit of type, etc., and a small forge has been erected. A shoe shop, also, where all the repairing of the boots and shoes is done by the boys, has recently been started. The experiment has already shown the wisdom and practicability of the plan.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 30, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	95.32
	$1311.99

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$477.35
Trading Co. Deposits	588.75
Cottage Row Deposits	4.01
Photo Company Deposits	68.71
Surplus	173.17
	$1311.99

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the twenty-fourth.

Minimum Temperature 47° on the fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 67°.

Seven clear days, eleven partly cloudy, and twelve cloudy.

The Class Supper

One of the most looked-forward-to and enjoyed parts of Graduation week was the Class Supper. The Graduating Class and the teachers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. The supper consisted of chicken salad, rolls, cookies, potato chips, strawberries and lemonade. We had a fine time. Gordon K. Goodwin

A Long Friends' Day

On June 9, my mother, father and sister came to see me. It was Graduation Day and we got good seats to watch the exercises. Then Mr. Meacham announced that the Nantasket boat could not come until five o'clock, because the tide was too low. After the program I went with my friends and had dinner. Then we took some pictures.

During the afternoon my father wanted to see all the departments, as it was his first visit to the School. Later my mother wanted to see some of the beach, so we went on a beach walk. There were eight people at south end when we got there.

At supper time we ate in the dining room. Then we went to the Front Lawn and waited for the boat, which came just before eight o'clock. William F. Etheridge

Dining Room Work

I help in the dining room. Each morning at 6:30 I have breakfast. Then I wait on table. After breakfast I help clear the tables and set them for dinner. When this is done I have time off until 11:15, when I help get the dining room ready for dinner. Franklyn S. Harris

Running a Ten Mile Race

One day while I was home on vacation my uncle suggested that I run in a ten mile race. As I had run short races at the school I decided to enter. There were about 150 contestants, among them being many famous runners, including DeMar, Pawson, Brown, and Kelly. Sixty runners finished the race, and I was happy to be one of them. When I finished the race I felt sort of dizzy. I got dressed and went home. It was a good race, and I will enter again next year if possible. Charles H. Grant

Helping in the Hayfield

During vacation I went to the farm and helped hay. I piled the hay up, so that it could be loaded onto the wagons. Mr. Abbott, the herdsman, has spare time during the day so he helped hay. The hay crop is very good this year.

James H. Rolston

Picking Vegetables

For the past few days I have been one of the boys who have been picking vegetables. The string beans and peas have been very plentiful. The kitchen instructors ask us for whatever vegetables they wish, and how many. Then our instructor, Mr. Stiles, goes with us and we pick them and take them to the kitchen.

William H. Britton

The Jester's Comments

—Bill Dodge spends most of his time fishing, but about all he gets are crabs,—small, large and medium. The other day his line pulled so hard he called for help, expecting to haul in a whale. Instead it was only another crab. His line pulled hard because it had become entangled on a wharf pile.

—"Willie" Page stood on the swimming float in his bathing trunks wondering just how cold the water was. After some time in this trying position "Whiz" Malmgren became nettled. He got a bucket of ocean water, and at an opportune moment the would-be bather was drenched. "Willie" thought he was being drowned.

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The annual Alumni Field Day took place on June 4, this being a week or two earlier than has been customary in other years. The early date, preceding Graduation as it did, made it possible for the group to see the School in full operation and proved most worth-while.

The outstanding event of the day was the appearance of the Band in the new uniform of white, blue and gold. The performance of the group was decidedly top-notch, and pleased more than 200 who were present. The graduates, who have done so much to further the interest of the Band, certainly were greatly impressed and very happy at the results of their efforts.

Headmaster William M. Meacham, who welcomed the group, spoke briefly and told of the School's progress in a vivid manner, pointing out also the hopes for the future.

The annual baseball game was featured, as it always is, by much comedy. Many of the players see baseball equipment only upon their annual visit to the School and the results provide much humor. No one remembers the score, but who can forget the effort expended by some of the contestants?

The program of sports and games was witnessed by nearly everyone present. There were all the old time favorites, and some of the newer stunts were received with much enthusiasm. Many of the spectators acted as judges and the program was enlivened by impromptu presentations by the older graduates, who certainly did their bit to add to the fun of the occasion.

The closing event was the pie race, honored by the years it has been staged. When twenty boys kneel before blueberry pie and eat without using their hands much fun is bound to result. Strangely enough, some of the lads had a fairly clean face after the pie was consumed; others had a blueberry covering almost exclusively.

Nearly all the undergraduates took part in the above named games. For the older boys there were various foot races and gymnastic contests.

Scrambles of candy, peanuts and other "eats" took place during the day, all of which pleased both the schoolboys and the graduates.

The weather was excellent for the occasion, even though a shower developed as the group was leaving on private boats chartered for the day by the Alumni Association.

The 1938 Field Day certainly was a grand, happy affair for everyone. The Committee in charge is to be congratulated for the splendid planning and perfect execution of the day's program.

The program for the day was arranged by the Entertainment Committee, of which Will F. Davis, '79, is Chairman. Other members of the Committee are James H. Graham, '79, and Robert E. Dudley, '16.

On Graduation Day, certificates for completing the post-graduate work at F. T.S. were awarded the following members of the Class of 1937:

Charles F. Averill
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A Study of Former Farm and Trades School Boys

By Headmaster William M. Meacham

We feel from many individual statements made over a period of years that the School is fulfilling a valuable function, reflected in the success of its graduates. We proceeded to check this assumption and to obtain the facts from the boys.

The writer has arbitrarily limited the study to include all boys who entered the School during the five years from 1927 to 1931 inclusive, and who were at the School one year or longer.

One hundred individuals are included in the study. Reports have been received from seventy-one of these. This seems to be a fair return and it seems probable that the other twenty-nine percent would not seriously change the results.

A questionnaire blank was devised and mailed with a letter to the one hundred individuals.

The study attempts to show the extent of success of Farm and Trades School boys after leaving the School, to evaluate the features of this School and to find to what extent this School is useful.

The writer defines a successful life thus: the success of a person is measured by the extent to which he uses his abilities, both natural and acquired, for the good of mankind.

The individuals of this study had previously completed five or more school grades. The length of time here varied from one to seven years. Fifty graduated at the completion of the eleventh year here, equivalent to the second year of high school work. Three of these completed an additional year of school work here, and twenty-one did not graduate. The median time of schooling, to the time of leaving this School, was eleven years.

A total of forty-three of the seventy-one individuals who reported, or sixty-one percent, have continued their education after leaving this School. Ten of these are now attending other educational institutions. Those forty-three individuals were in other schools a median length of time of two years. The median additional school time of the total seventy-one individuals of this study is one year.

A total of eleven individuals have been in their present jobs from twelve to twenty-three months and eleven have been in their present jobs two years or longer. These twenty-two individuals who have been in their present jobs one year or longer constitute 41.5 percent of the fifty-three employed individuals.

These data show that the boys in this study compare favorably in length of service with other groups cited.

Fifty-three individuals reported regular jobs. Eight individuals reported unemployment or odd jobs. Ten are in schools. This accounts for the seventy-one individuals who reported. The eight unemployed individuals constitute 11.2 percent of the seventy-one individuals, the percent of unemployment.

These data indicate that the unemployment of the individuals of this study is slightly less than the average under as nearly comparable circumstances as the writer could find.

The average weekly wage was $19.28 for the fifty-three employed individuals. This is slightly less than the average of $19.74 for all unskilled labor in manufacturing industries in the United States in 1936. This at best is a very rough comparison. The occupations were not the same; the localities varied; and the ages of employees were undoubtedly quite different.

Another comparison can be made between the individuals of this study showing an average of $19.28 per week and the average initial salaries for graduates of day industrial schools in Massachusetts in 1936-37. The figures in this latter study show 829 boys who graduated from trades courses, averaging $16.45 per week. These are initial salaries while those in this discussion are not strictly initial salaries. However, those trades in the Massachusetts public schools are more diversified and probably more complete than the extent of the trades courses at The Farm and Trades School. The dangers of this comparison are manifold but from the data at hand the success in average salaries of the individuals of this study compare favorably with the salaries of the other boys.

Thirty-eight percent of the seventy-one individuals reported they are using music, sixty-five percent have church interest, eighty-five percent report hobbies and forty-eight percent report other activities. Only three individuals, or four percent, failed to report some leisure-time activity. Seventy-eight percent of the individuals reported interest in two or more groups of activities.

The study shows an aggregate total of 213 leisure-time activities, hobbies and interests for the seventy-one individuals. This is an average of three leisure-time interests per individual.

The writer feels strongly that a great measure of success of an individual is due directly and indirectly to his "play-time" habits. Attention is called to the church interest. Sixty-five percent of the individuals indicate interest in this activity. Church membership is not exactly comparable but the fact that there are fifty-five million church members in this country and seventy million who are not members does indicate that there is at least a sentiment for religion in this country. We do not know how many of the seventy million non-members are somewhat "church-minded." It seems as though the individuals of our study are again showing a favorable comparison.

These data point strongly to the fact that these individuals, with the possible exception of three, are definitely active in interests outside of working hours. They are doing things. They are living! As for measuring the degree of success by quantity or quality, it is not possible from the available data and insufficient measuring devices. The writer is not aware of accepted yard sticks for this phase of values. In this study we must be content, on this point, to suggest that *some* activity shows *some* success. The writer may believe that an average of three leisure-time interests is proof of success. He does not, however, insist that this be accepted as valid evidence of great success.

After carefully examining the data at

hand the writer finds it impossible to claim definitely that this School affected the successes of the individuals of this study. The writer finds himself frankly asking the question: Was success due to hereditary characteristics, to environment, to education or to other factors, and to what extent was this School responsible for the developments?

It is shown that forty-four individuals rated "academic" as having been worthwhile to them. This would indicate that these individuals considered that the academic education at this School had some effect upon their lives.

These data do not prove that there was a positive effect by this School on the further education of these individuals. It does appear that this School did have some effect upon their further education.

It is shown that fifteen of the individuals of this study are now engaged in occupations developed at this School and that the median weekly salary of this group is twenty-two dollars per week.

The seventy-one individuals of this study reported a total of 213 leisure-time activity interests. The School records show that the individuals were active in similar branches while at this School in 120 of these.

Attendance at religious services is required at this School, therefore, every boy has religious instruction. Forty-six of the seventy-one individuals report church interest. This study indicates that with a considerable majority there is a positive effect.

Every one of the twenty-seven who reported that they are using their training in music, played in the School band.

Twenty-eight individuals are shown to have sports as a leisure-time interest. All but one of these participated in athletics at this School.

Twenty individuals reported leisure-time activity in mechanical drawing, woodworking, farming, gardening, machine work, painting, steam engineering, and study. This does not include those who are actively engaged in these branches. Records at the School show that all of these participated in like activities at the School. It is evident, therefore, that this School had an effect upon the pursuit of those interests.

There is undoubtedly some effect which this School had upon the ninety-two social, mechanical, and other interests during the median time of five years at this School. The data is insufficient to check the direct relation. Cottage Row for instance, a form of city government in which each boy has a part, probably had some effect upon the social activities of this group. Again, the Island and its extensive campus and unique location, may have had some effect but just what effect is not shown in this study.

A study of the intelligence of this group shows that the IQ ratings average higher than the generally accepted average of the Country.

Another study indicates that intelligence is one of the determining factors in occupational placement and a factor in the success of individuals.

It is of interest to note that the median age of this group is twenty years. There is not sufficient evidence that this affects the success of the individuals to justify offering these data as proof. The wages median will probably tend upward as age increases but this has nothing to do with their present successes.

The median time of working has been two years. The only possible point shown by these data is that no young man could be expected to make any great achievement in this short time out of school.

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The Wolfeboro Trip

Last year the Band was invited to assist with the people of Wolfeboro, N.H., in observing July 4. Again this year the boys were invited to play at this town. The local American Legion post was in charge of the observance, as it was last year, and the invitation came through our Bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren, who is a member of the Post.

The boys left early Saturday morning, in a bus chartered for the trip, the date was July 2. Perfect weather made for a perfect ride and the boys arrived in time for lunch. Meals were served in a restaurant and were especially good. The Band was quartered in the Carpenter School.

The important event of the excursion was the parade. Our boys had the honor of leading and were followed by dignitaries, of town, county and state. Two other organizations were in the parade. A number of floats, very attractively decorated helped towards making a colorful procession.

A ball team was organized from the band players and an attempt was made to defeat the town team. The Wolfeboro nine was far too good for our boys, and we lost. Both teams had an afternoon of fun, however, and never was good sportsmanship more apparent than that shown by the members of both teams.

Mr. Ansel Sanborn kindly invited the group to witness one of his movie shows. Of course the boys thoroughly enjoyed this friendly gesture. A summer resident, Dr. Allison took most of the Band members on a speedboat ride on Lake Winnipesaukee, another very-much-enjoyed trip.

The expenses for the entire trip were met by the American Legion Post, and to whom the boys are sincerely grateful. The townspeople, who by their friendliness and graciousness, made our boys feel welcome throughout their entire stay, have our sincere thanks.

As usual, the boys made a fine impression, and were commended publicly and privately for their fine work.

Topics in Brief

Although swimming is generally regarded as recreational, more and more attention is being given this activity and it is becoming recognized as almost a necessity. It is true that many schools and colleges will not grant diplomas to non-swimmers. This tendency towards educating youth in swimming and water-safety has been fostered by the American Red Cross and other organizations. For several years we have cooperated, the result being that only a few of our boys are unable to swim. This summer the instruction is being given by a member of our staff, Mr. Raymond Thomas, who was trained at the Aquatic Camp of the American Red Cross. Classes are held each day in swimming, diving, life-saving and water safety. The handling of buoys, boats and other equipment is gone into in detail. Every boy is required to take whichever course his abiliy warrants. Any phase of swimming is eagerly entered into by the boys, and annually is immensely popular.

The summer term of school, which is our first term of the school year, commenced on July 12. With very few exceptions all boys have been promoted. The teaching staff remains the same as in the previous year, with the exception of Miss Kathleen Graham, who will teach the sixth and seventh grades.

The boys enjoyed a harbor cruise on July 10, taking in much of the harbor, including the shipwrecked zoo vessel, City of Salisbury, which rests near Graves Light on a ledge.

A fishing trip proved to be good fun for many of the boys, although the fish which were caught amounted to a few crabs and scullies. Our boat anchored in likely places, but evidently the fish were other places on that day. This trip took place on July 11.

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These pages may seem to deal with cold facts and figures, inadequate comparisons, words, cases, but in reality the writer is attempting to write about human individuals. He is telling of the successful work they are doing and about their pleasures, their happiness, their life problems. Now a note of tragedy must be inserted.

These boys, all but three, come from homes broken by adverse circumstances. Twenty-six of them have lost their fathers by death. Twelve of their mothers have died, and six others have lost both parents by death. Twenty-four came from homes broken by separation of parents.

Whatever the cause of a broken home it leaves the child torn with grief and sometimes near despair. The big important job of this School and its staff of twenty-six members is to help bridge that gap left by these broken homes, to the end that each of these worthy but unfortunate boys may know the joys of peace, harmony, happiness, and right living.

This study is inadequate to show home conditions influence on successes. The citations tend to show that unsatisfactory home conditions affect personality adjustment adversely. It would seem, therefore, that the broken homes shown in this study have had unfavorable effect upon these successes *unless* the period of years at this School has overbalanced that effect. This study does not show this relation.

More specifically, these data show, that further direct use has been made of academic training by forty-seven individuals, which is 66.2 percent of the total number of individuals of the study. The church experience is being used by forty-six individuals, or 64.8 percent of the

total. Music, derived from playing a band instrument, has been used by no less than twenty-eight or 39.4 percent of the individuals. Twenty-eight state that they are interested in sports as one of their hobbies; this constitutes 39.4 percent of the total number. Twenty-six have used the farm experience, all but two as a wage earning activity; this is 36.6 percent of the total individuals.

It is interesting to note that nine individuals have used their household training as a means of earning a living. This is 12.7 percent of the total. Such practical training as painting, mechanical, printing, boats and miscellaneous work show a total of nineteen individuals, or 26.7 percent of the total individuals of the study, having used these various activities since they received training in those activities at this School. It is found that an average of three of these activities per individual, in which they received training during their median period of five years at this School, have been used by these boys since leaving this School.

Fifteen of these individuals, or 28.3 percent, are employed in occupations for which they had previous training at this School. These fifteen young men receive a median weekly salary of twenty-two dollars. The occupations thus developed at this School are farm, woodworking, power house, mechanical, printing and boats.

It appears from these data that the most valuable activities are: academic, farm, sloyd, band, and sports. The group next in importance includes: grade system (citizenship), household duties, power house, carpentry, painting, and mechanical drawing. The third next important group of activities includes: Cottage Row, church, Island location, boats, flower gardens, and weather bureau. These are closely followed by printing and swimming.

The questionnaire blank contained a request to mark the relative importance of the six branches of farm activity at the School. Sixty-two of the seventy-one individuals marked one or more of these items. The purpose was to determine, if possible, the relative value of these six branches of farming experience and training.

Twenty-two boys give the general farm work first place. This branch includes a very wide variety of work, routine, seasonal, unexpected work and miscellaneous repairs. The order of choice shows general, dairy, agricultural courses, poultry, crops, and horses, in that order.

This might indicate that the boys would say, "Retain the general farm work, dairy, and agricultural courses as important and essential parts of this life experience, and perhaps keep the poultry department. Eliminate the raising of vegetables and other crops or hire more farmers to do that work and add more tractors and trucks to replace the farm horses." At least this is a point to consider and should certainly be given further study before drawing very definite conclusions.

At this School the staff of twenty-five men and women who are working with the Headmaster are called instructors. The records at the school show that the median length of service here of this present group is approximately six years. There is ample evidence that a high quality staff with continued employment is of great value.

The replies showed that 81.7 percent of the seventy-one individuals who made returns indicated that they were helped by one or more of the staff members. Even if none of the other thirteen individuals

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50 Years Ago

"Under the immediate direction of Mr. C. H. Chapman, the older boys have become familiar with the care and use of carpenters' tools, and acquire a degree of skill which must be valuable to them in whatever path of life they select on leaving the school. Some of the pupils have turned their attention rather to printing, and do very good work."

"The school, the farm, and the workshop, with constant moral training under the eye of the Superintendent, are the influences under which the boys are brought up and fitted to become useful members of the community. The age of admission is from seven to twelve."

"The Managers cannot but feel that it is only necessary to make the needs of the Farm School known, to have them supplied, and that the friends of the Institution will be unwilling to allow its powers to be crippled, or its work to be neglected from the want of a larger endowment."

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Celebrated the national anniversary at home.

9. Reverend Mr. Cleaveland and his son, Chas. Cleaveland, of Philadelphia addressed the school.

16. The school was addressed to-day by Mr. Benj. H. Green of Boston who brought his two daughters with him.

18. Messrs. M. Grant, J. I. Bowditch, G. H. Kuhn, and J. Bird of the Board of Managers with the friends of the boys visited this island in the steamer Mayflower. Charles B. Holman and Edward T. Osgood were received.

28. Received a welcome visit from Geo. A. Mann, formerly a pupil here who had been a volunteer in Mexico. His good appearance showed that he had avoided the vices of the camp.

29. Samuel Barry and Geo. A. Perkins, mowers, were discharged.

30. Mr. S. E. Brackett accompanied by his daughters visited the school and addressed the boys. Warren Stearns, mower, was discharged.

31. This was a rainy day, and like many others in this month, unfavorable to haying.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	41.66
	$1258.33

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$435.56
Trading Co. Deposits	583.75
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	64.43
Surplus	173.17
	$1258.33

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the thirty-first.

Minimum Temperature 54° on the fourth.

Mean Temperature for the month 72°.

Three clear days, twelve partly cloudy, and sixteen cloudy.

My Work

For the past few days I have been cleaning weeds out of the gravelled paths near the building. The ground is very hard, and covered with gravel, still the weeds grow. So far I have dug out quite a few weeds.

David N. Moseley

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admit any help by instructors, the percentage is sufficiently high to warrant the conclusion that the personnel of the School is highly important.

Thirty-eight of the seventy-one individuals said that one or more boys had an important and good effect upon their lives.

A composite presentation of eighty-six statements by thirty-six individuals follows. The figures indicate the number of individuals who made similar statements.

Probably the greatest benefit any pupil can derive while being at F.T.S. is that of good clean wholesome living (1), discipline (4), and the excellent manner in which one is prepared to face the world (1), and its numerous problems (2). To my way of seeing it each boy is individually schooled (1) on all of these. Perhaps through the good influence of an instructor (15), or a fellow student (5), the benefits of the grade system (2), or what he has naturally acquired and seen for himself his success can be definitely traced (1) back to the splended training (14) at F.T.S. It is there that he had contact with a very select group of boys (1). He was taught cooperation (1), to keep things uniform (1) and to do things well (1). Each boy is individually schooled (1) in responsibility for important duties (3) and I am glad I was there (2) to participate in the training in agriculture (2), academic (2), music (2), boats (2), power house (2), iron forging (2), clothing room (1), trades (1), Cottage Row (1), church (1), sloyd (1), and kitchen duties (1). The Island helped me to be a gentleman (2); the beauty of it cannot be equalled (1), The well directed and improving agricultural program (1), the general improvement trend (1), all indicate that the School is run as good as could be (2). I look back and remember old times (3), few boys have such opportunity (1). Best wishes for its continued success (1).

Criticisms were made by seven individuals as follows:

These individuals regret the discontinuance of cadet uniforms (1), observe that the rules of the School are not as strict as formerly (1), find that dancing has been neglected (2), infer that the conduct system is unsatisfactory (1), suggest better food (1), criticise being forbidden to visit the School (1), suggest that some one of the instructors take enough interest in the fellows that it ts a very hard and cruel world on the outside of the School (1), object that the fellows in the school don't have opportunity enough to make decisions for themselves (1).

The needed improvements suggested quite largely center around the academic work. Added courses are suggested by seven individuals, two have urged improvements upon the academic work which existed when they were pupils here, new band uniforms are urged (1), more facts about the "outside world" should be taught (1), more contacts with the "outside world" should be made than were made when these boys were enrolled here (3), a hobby-course should be added (1), Cottage Row should be rejuvenated (1), and a new school building is a vital need (1).

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A Summer at Music Camp

Last May, at Burlington, Vermont, the high school bands of New England

Clifton E. Albee, '21, (standing), being greeted by Myron A. Pratt, '38, at The New England Music Camp Bowl.

gathered to stage the annual New England Music Festival. During this Festival a suggestion was made by the directors of the New England Music Camp that one of our boys attend the Camp. Because of the expense involved it was thought at first that such an experience, valuable as it would have been, was too expensive for us to consider. However it was not long before various agencies were at work quietly and in a short time it was ascertained that a month at the Camp would be possible for one of our young musicians.

The selection of a boy was difficult, as we had many who could qualify for the scholarship. Finally, Myron A. Pratt, '38, baritone player in our band, was chosen. His application was made and approved, and on July 7th he boarded a stream-lined train bound for Oakland, Maine. Here he was met by the Camp authorities, and he began his month's stay at the music camp.

At the completion of the month Clifton E. Albee, assistant director of our band, went to the Camp to visit briefly and bring our F.T.S. boy back to the School. Mr. Albee was greeted by Directors Paul Wiggin and Samuel Griffiths of the Camp. These men were pleased so thoroughly with the F.T.S. musician, that they asked that he be permitted to remain another month, thus completing the full camp session. This arrangment was made.

Our representative from F.T.S. had private lessons on both the baritone horn

and the trombone, was a member of several classes in musical theory and appreciation as well as taking a very active part in all the camp activities. He earned the admiration and respect from both campers and faculty and proved an excellent example of The Farm and Trades School Band. Among some of the camp organizations to which he belonged may be mentioned the Symphony Orchestra, symphonic band, brass quartet, and male quartet.

During Mr. Albee's visit to the Camp he was accorded the privilege of directing the very fine symphonic band, made up of outstanding high school musicians. "The Farm and Trades School Band March", written by Mr. Albee was played before an audience of more than a thousand. He had the honor of directing this outstanding musical organization in a rendition of this march. The camp band also performed other works written by him, and phonographic recordings were made.

Our Farm Superintendent, Mark C. Baird, visited the music camp during the closing days of the season and was happy to report some of the honors which Myron Pratt received at the closing sessions. Notably among these was the Camp's silver medal, awarded to our F. T. S. boy, as an outstanding camper. Only one higher award was made the young men at the camp and this was indeed a great honor.

The directors of the camp were gratified that we were able to send such an outstanding young man. In turn we at F.T.S. are proud that our boy did so well, and we express to The New England Music Camp Directors our very deep appreciation. Certainly the experience at camp will remain forever as an inspiration to the 16 year old lad from Thompson's Island, who received a great opportunity and made the most of it.

He has returned to the School, and is a member of the Junior Class.

Sleeping in Hammocks

One night at the scout camp many of the scouts decided to make hammocks to sleep in. Pieces of burlap, canvas and any fairly strong material were used. About four feet of rope was attached to each end of the hammocks and they were strung between trees. It was fun, because it was the first time we slept in such a way. Most of the boys enjoyed the hammocks they made. Some didn't, because they fell out.

James F. St. Coeur

Working as Special Boy

During the afternoons it has been my duty to be special boy, the work being to clean places which have not been attended to. Every day I had different things to do. Quite often everything was done before afternoon, and these days I cultivated flower gardens. Sometimes I raked gravel, and other times I cleaned Chapel and other places.

David N. Moseley

The Horseshoe Tournaments

This year we are having three horseshoe tournaments, one for the older boys, another for the younger boys and one for the group of new boys who came to the school after the other meets were started. Another boy and I are in first place so far. There are two horseshoe courts, and they are busy most of the time. Nearly every boy in the school is in one of the tournaments.

Donald L. Davis

Our Band

As is the case every year, many members of the Band graduated in June, and we have begun anew for the new school year. The cornet section was not weakened too severely, as only two players left that section. The drum section is very good too, as only one player graduated. The other sections are quite weak.

The heart of the band, namely the basses and altos are in a very poor condition, because so many of the players have graduated and left the school. These sections have been built up with beginners, who are working hard to attain the proficiency achieved in other years.

We are fortunate in having a good clarinet section, even though some of our good players graduated. This section will probably be one of the best in the band.

Our trombone and baritone sections are always excellent, and we hope that they will be so this year. Anyway a fine start has been made and these sections will probably be equal to those of former F.T.S. bands.

From this one can see that our band has lost considerable by Graduation, but no one has any doubts but what we shall come along fine after a few months of practice. The younger members are working very hard and everyone feels that the band this year will be one of which we all may be proud.

Robert J. English

Swimming

Nearly every afternoon the boys who work in the dining room and kitchen go swimming. It is most fun when the tide is high. Then we dive and jump from the wharf. Some of the boys have just learned to swim. Donald Davis is one of them, and now he can jump from the wharf. Often we grasp hands and jump together, to see who can go down the furthest. The best swimmers can swim to the bottom and get stones. We all like to swim.

William F. Etheridge

First Camping-Out Night

The first night the scouts camped out we had a good time. After getting the tents ready we gathered enough wood to last for a long time. Then we had some hunter's stew. Most of the scouts had cooking things made out of tin cans. Later we sang songs and told stories about fun we had on Friends' Day. Taps was played and we all got in our tents and went to sleep. Most of the scouts were going to keep a log on the fire all night, but couldn't because they didn't wake up as they expected to. In the morning we tidied up our tents and returned to the Main Building to do our regular duties.

Ernest Burns

Schoolroom Work

For the past month I have had the work of keeping the sixth and seventh grade classroom clean. The principal things I do include sweeping the floor, emptying the waste paper basket, beat the erasers and dust. The last thing I do is to straighten the books on the shelves and arrange them in their proper places.

William H. Britton

Washing Walls

One week I spent most of my work time washing walls. I got a tall ladder and did many of the walls in the halls. They were not very dirty. Soap and water got them so clean they looked as though they had just been painted. I washed many of the walls during the week.

James H. Rolston

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The Headmaster Writes One of His Boys

Dear . . . . . .

I am glad to hear from you and to know all about your new job. Thank you for speaking so highly of the School.

You ask me for my opinion of the change. I suppose it was understood that you were to stay with your previous employer for the summer at least. I am sure that it would be to your advantage to abide by such an agreement even though temporarily it may not seem to your advantage.

Whenever anyone expects to advance beyond the work of a day laborer he must not only be able but he must establish the reputation of doing better than average work over a considerable period of time.

I don't want to discourage you. I hope the new job will continue to be full of interest for you. There is the danger of the newness wearing off. A new job, whatever it is, always has a certain exciting glamour and then gradually the routine becomes tiresome. We must all guard against these two dangers in our work, the glamour of each new beginning and the tiresomeness of doing the same things day after day. To do this we all must learn that however attractive a new job looks we must realize that the newness will soon wear off. We must also learn that every job has some disadvantages and that our success and happiness depends upon how much we master those difficulties and make them interesting.

The glamour of newness is one of life's greatest thrills. We travel or sail the seas or hike in mountains or go to war or do a hundred other things for this thrill which I term "glamour of newness".

The danger of seeking this adventurous pursuit in frequent changes of jobs is in the fact that we never stay long enough to achieve real success in any one job.

The "smart" way to get that glamour of newness is to continually find new angles in the same job, to study the job and to know more about the work than anyone else. In other words become an expert where you are and before very long you will find yourself enjoying the distinction of having others come to you for advice in your particular line.

These suggestions are not new. It is the same line of advice that I have been giving you during the six years you were at the School. Do you recall the true story of the stock room boy who became an expert on common iron files? And the discouraged shoe store clerk who became an authoriy on leather and the construction of shoes? And don't forget "Acres of Diamonds".

Now I hope your new job will continue to be enjoyable and that you will find in it an inexhaustible supply of newness.

Cordially yours,
W. M. Meacham, Headmaster

Topics in Brief

During the month the farm has been the scene of much activity. The heavy rains which we experienced in July did not affect our crops as much as might be expected and the yield has been, in most cases, equal to any of our better seasons. There is an abundance of the garden vegetables, and the field crops are likewise proving to be plentiful.

The school term has progressed most satisfactorily, and the results of the six weeks of summer study have been gratifying. The classes took little time in getting organized and proceeding to the task at hand. An additional course, Advanced Mathematics, is being taken by the members of the Junior Class.

The baseball season has just closed, and was of much interest, particularly in view of the fact that the series of games extended from April until September. Most of our readers know that Manager S.V.R. Crosby has provided a silver shield to the championship team for many seasons, and that the best player in each position is also awarded an athletic trophy by Mr. Crosby. Six teams took part in the competition this year, and the winner of the Shield was not determined until the final day of play. The Eagles, captained by Myron A. Pratt won over the Indians, captained by Weston O. Page in a thrilling hard-fought contest, and thus the Eagles won the championship and Shield for 1938.

Our Boy Scout Troop has enjoyed much camping this summer at the scout camp, located in Bowditch Gove, at the northern end of the Island. The graduates provided suitable tents while all the other essential camp gadgets were made by the boys themselves. Among the interesting home-made camping equipment most interest would probably be centered on the cooking gear, camp stools and hammocks which the boys constructed out of odds and ends picked up on the beach and elsewhere.

Year after year the classes in Sloyd find this subject of tremendous interest. Nearly two-thirds of our boys are enrolled in regular classes, while many of those not in classes spend considerable time in the Sloyd Room working on individual projects. Most of the boys enjoy this subject so well that they devote a considerable part of their recreation hours developing ideas of their own, or making models of a definite value in Sloyd instruction.

Tennis, as in former years, has proven to be one of the really popular summer sports. The tennis court has been improved this year by the installation of new iron net posts and completing the fencing. Two tennis tournaments, one for the older boys, and one for the younger have been in progress during the summer months. Many of the instructors enjoy this game and many a happy hour is spent on the court in contests between the instructors and the boys.

Volley ball, horseshoe pitching and soft ball are minor summer sports in which the boys have found much pleasure. Horseshoe pitching is more popular than ever, and nearly all the boys are competing for championship ranking in either the Senior or Junior meets. The boys have developed much skill in volley ball, and have had little trouble in defeating the faculty team. Soft ball, being played here according to regulation rules for the first time this year, has been given a warm reception and we expect it to be a very popular summer game, inasmuch as it can be played almost anywhere with almost no equipment needed.

The boys in the printing office are busily at work on the annual report for The New England Home for Deaf Mutes. This report has been printed in our shop for the past few years, and the boys have been complimented highly for the fine work they have done. The job demands careful attention to detail. It has twelve pages of text, four pages of illustrations and cover.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

8. Edmund Franklin and Jos. W. Franklin were discharged and returned to their parents in Washington D. C.

15. The steamboat made her fifth trip to the island this season. Present M. Grant and G. H. Keehan of the Board of Managers, Mr. Ingraham of Boston, Mr. J. Ball, Mrs. Ball and daughter from Salem and the boys' friends.

24. Austin Cushman commenced work.

Valorus Drew was admitted. Mary Kenny came as washer, and Mr. D. Fayette Ayer of Haverhill came this evening as teacher.

26. Caleb Bates of Hingham came and brought us a barrel of apples.

28. Moved thirty-two boys into the new sleeping-room.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 94° on the fifteenth.

Minimum Temperature 56° on the twenty-ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 74°.

Seven clear days, fifteen partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, August 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	22.99
	$1239.66

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$416.89
Trading Co. Deposits	583.75
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	64.43
Surplus	173.17
	$1239.66

—Our Flag was adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777, and has remained in its original form, excepting for the addition of stars for new States.

My Favorite Subjects

Most every boy has a favorite school subject. I have two that I enjoy.

The one I enjoy doing most is Algebra. It is remarkable what one can do with a few letters and numbers. Algebra is a shorthand for Arithmetic, only we use letters and numbers instead of symbols such as are used in shorthand writing. In some ways this subject is like Geometry which proves that certain angles and sides equal other angles and sides. In Algebra we prove that one number equals another number. These are called equations. Algebra is always full of interest.

The other subject I mentioned is French which is far more interesting to me than my other studies. The words used in this language are peculiar at first, but after one learns to pronounce it is much fun in speaking them. We have several kinds of games that we often play during French period and one of the best liked is French spelling contests.

We are now learning how to put the verb "to have" into the Affirmative and Interrogative forms. This is done in French.

I hope that the Classes following me get as much enjoyment out of these two subjects as I do. Both of them I know will help me in future years, so I am studying them as thoroughly as possible.

Winthrop Davidson

Picking Tomatoes

We had a large yield of tomatoes this year and I have helped pick them. One morning David Moseley, Warren Linnell and myself worked with one of the farm instructors and we picked seven bushels. We have all we can eat in the dining room, and then the others are put up into large tins to use during winter.

Franklyn S. Harris

Life Saving Instruction

Swimming instruction was given by the class method during the summer term. Every boy learned to swim, and many achieved a high degree of proficiency. The standard course, as prescribed by the American Red Cross was taught by Raymond Thomas, Supervisor of Boys, and an F.T.S. graduate, Class of 1926.

Listed below are those who passed the more advanced courses, namely Senior and Junior Life Saving. This course also included the handling of row-boats, life-saving buoys and a thorough understanding of water safety.

Senior Life Saving

Howard M. Colpitts
Percie R. Berry

Junior Life Saving

James G. Connor
Warren A. Danner
Axel R. Hallberg
William L. Schlegel
Murdock C. Moore
Maxwell M. Clark
James F. St. Coeur
Eugene Proctor
Raymond L. Perry
Richard J. Nelson
Linwood L. Meacham
Richard A. Martin
Warren M. Linnell
Robert W. MacWha
Harold K. Malmgren
Karl G. Hulten
Robert J. English
George F. Connors

Those listed above also passed the required test for swimming, as did ten additional boys. Eight non-swimmers progressed to the extent that they were qualified, by examination, to earn the Red Cross "Beginners" swimming award.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '98 President
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Hyde Park, Mass.

A most interesting letter has been received from ERNEST S. ARMSTRONG '32, 115 River St., Apt. No. 3, Pendleton, Oregon, from which we print the following excerpts:

"I have just returned from a trip to Klamath Falls, Ore., where I attended the state convention Fraternal Order of Eagles. Along with my trip I went down to San Francisco where I met with my boss as a correspondent with the United Press. As a correspondent I cover the entire area of Umatilla Country, Oregon, which incidentally is about as large as half the state of Mass. At the same time I am also a reporter for the Walla Walla Bulletin. Don't tell me you haven't heard of the city they liked so well that they named it twice.

"I am convinced that "this here western country" has everything and expect to reside here indefinitely with occasional visits to the east.

"I am a member of the Woodmen of the World, Elks, and secretary of the Pendleton Aerie, F. O. E.

"I finished a 1¼ year correspondence course in Journalism which together with many favorable recommendations enabled me to get my present job. (I could say position but it wouldn't sound natural.) I left the CCC last September and obtained my appointment from a traveling member of the Oregon State Rotary Club who happened to be in Pendleton at the time.

"I spend my spare time days in the town pool and evenings I have a team for the Eagles entered in the city ball club."

Following is a list of our graduates who have graduated from various schools during the past year.

Massachusetts

Ralph Milliken Fuller '31
Suffolk University

Norman H. Chausse '36
Roslindale High School

James T. Ritchie '36
Mechanic Arts High School

Edward L. Very '36
Winthrop High School

William C. Parsons '36
Plymouth High School

Lewis C. Goodwin '36
Wellesley High School

Ralph Talbot '36
New Bedford High School

Myles Standish '36
Canton High School

Vermont

Raymond L. Beck '36
Montpelier Seminary

Maine

John A. Bailey '36
Kents Hill Seminary

New Hampshire

Harold B. DeLorie '35
Kimball Union Academy

John P. Davis '36
Laconia High School

Russell G. Bartholomew '36
Newport High School

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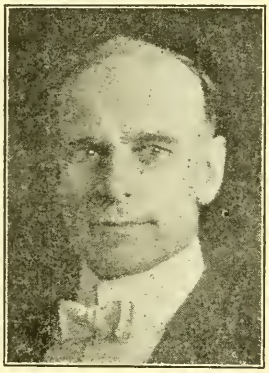
Alden B. Hefler, '87

Alden B. Hefler, '87, died suddenly at his home, 75 Central Avenue, Hyde Park, on September 27. Since leaving the School Mr. Hefler had retained a deep interest in its welfare and was a charter member of the Alumni Association, as well as its second President. In 1920 he was elected to the Board of Managers.

He was born in Roxbury on April 3, 1875. His mother died when he was ten, and he and a younger brother were admitted to the School. He graduated in 1887, and did further grammar school work at the George Putman School in Roxbury. He then entered the employ of the Dennison Manufacturing Company, in Roxbury, where he made excellent progress until an unfortunate accident occurred. He crushed his hand in a press and was forced to give up his position.



Alden B. Hefler, '87

Later he secured work as book-keeper and shipper with a Boston firm which imported dye-stuffs. After ten years with this company he, and two others, formed the Turner and Hefler company, dealers in dye-stuffs. With Mr. Hefler as treasurer the firm built up a profitable and successful business. He had prepared for this opportunity by attending night school and completing correspondence courses in chemistry.

An honor which few attain came to him in 1920. The President of the Alumni Association had received a letter from Mr. Charles Mason who was chairman of the nominating committee of the Board of Managers. Mr. Mason advised in his letter that certain vacancies had occured on the Board of Managers and that the Board wished to consider graduates for them. The Alumni Association recommended two members for the vacancies and Mr. Hefler was one so honored. He was elected to the Board on February 17, 1920.

Mr. Hefler spent a vigorous and happy life. He found time to serve in many capacities for civic betterment. He was a trustee of the Hyde Park Savings Bank for many years. He served the Hyde Park Unitarian Church in various offices, and was a lifetime friend of this church. The Drysalters' Club, a trade organization, held his membership for many years. He was very active in Masonry, having attained the 32d degree, was a Knight Templar, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and had held many

masonic offices including that of Most Illustrious Master of the Grand Council.

Mr. Hefler is survived by Mrs. Hefler; a son, Roger H., who is an executive of the W. T. Grant Co.; a son, Alden R., who is an instructor in languages at the Naval Academy at Annapolis; a niece, who lived with the family during her childhood; and a brother, Clarence S. Hefler.

The funeral was held at the Masonic Temple in Hyde Park September 30. A quiet and dignified service tended to emphasize the loss which his death had brought. The Board of Managers and the Alumni Association were represented at the funeral by several members from each group.

When Alden B. Hefler left the school he was praised by the Superintendent William A. Morse, who recognized in the boy sterling qualities. Honesty, truth and ambition all prophesied a brilliant future. This he had, and his community and our School feel a deep loss in his passing. We express our profound sympathy to his bereaved family.

The Shaw Scholarship

In 1936 Miss Miriam Shaw established a scholarship which would pay for all necessary expenses at the school for one year. The award is made annually to a member of the Junior Class who is selected on the basis of effort and achievement as shown in the records and by the judgment of the Faculty and Junior Class. William C. Parsons received the award in 1936, and William D. DeLorie was the 1937 recipient. The honor this year goes to Eugene Proctor.

Miss Shaw established the scholarship in memory of her father, Mr. Francis Shaw, who was a member of the Board of Managers of our School from 1889 until 1923. For more than four decades Mr. Shaw was vitally interested in our School. During his lifetime he established the Shaw Conduct Prizes, which are given semi-annually, and upon his death it was found that he had left a fund which would amply provide for the permanence of these conduct awards.

Mr. Shaw was recognized as an agricultural authority, and did notable work in promoting the Guernsey breed of cattle. He was a graduate of Harvard (1875), and he further secured specialized training at agricultural institutes.

Eugene Proctor, who receives the scholarship this year, is entering his sixth year as a student here. He has achieved a notable record. His scholastic average is almost 90. He has taken an active interest in every phase of school life. His achievements include: messenger-in-town on school business, high ranking Boy Scout, member of the band, former Mayor of Cottage Row, former student editor of the Beacon, varsity player in all athletics, and completing Red Cross training in Life Saving, Water Safety, and First Aid. We congratulate him upon his most excellent record, and are happy that his diligence has earned him the honor of being selected to receive this scholarship award.

Orientation Week

Twenty-four boys were selected from a group of nearly twice that number of applicants when our Admission Committee met on August 29 and again on September 21 for a special meeting. Most of this group of new students came to the School during the week of Sept. 5. This was the vacation period, which followed the summer term of school, and the new boys were thus given an opportunity of having a week to adjust themselves to school life. A program for the

week was devised, and the new boys found themselves busier than they had been for some time. Each morning they assisted with the chores about the barn, or helped in other departments. After lunch a recreational period, which continued until after supper featured such sports as volley-ball, dodge-ball, baseball, horse-shoe pitching and field races. A program was arranged for each evening, which featured events for the new boys. During the week, on Thursday evening, an entertainment was given in our Assembly Hall, during which each of the new pupils were introduced to the School. Many of the boys and instructors had places on the program, and all the new boys had a part. The purpose of the week's activities was to give the newcomers a good start in their new life, and this aim was most happily realized.

School Team Football

Each fall, for the past five or six years, there has been such interest in football that Mr. Thomas, our Coach, arranged to have outside competition with other high schools. Each year we have one or two more teams added to our schedule. This year we have seven games, the first game having been played on September 24.

We were late in getting started for this season's practice. We had only two weeks of drill before our first game.

The first thing our coach did this year was to put a list on the bulletin board of the fellows that he would like to see out for football. The next day he put up tackling and blocking dummies in readiness for practice. When the squad went out he watched each player, corrected their mistakes and made a mental note of those he thought would make football players. After a few days of this practice we started scrimmaging, and learning fundamental plays. Finally the squad was reduced to twenty-two players, this being two full teams. By this time we were given a list of plays to learn for the first game. Each boy was put in the position that our coach thought he was most suited for and we began running through the plays. In the first game we knew the plays fairly well, learned our faults and in the first practice after the game our coach corrected our mistakes. Every week day we practice, learning new plays, blocks and other ideas. On Saturdays we play our scheduled games and on Sundays we spend our time recuperating. Our team is small and light but we promise at least good clean hard-fought games.

Robert J. English

Honor Roll—Summer Term

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, 89.8; Eugene Proctor, 85.5.

Sophomore Class: Murdock C. Moore 91.8; Wesley C. Gustafson, 90.5.

Freshman Class: Winthrop Davidson, 89.5; Charles A. Pecce, 88.3.

Eighth Grade: Ralph E. Pratt, 92.5; James E. McCarthy, 89.8.

Seventh Grade: James F. St. Coeur, 90.5; Donald L. Davis, 89.5.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, Calvin Wilder, Eugene Proctor.

Sophomore Class: Howard M. Colpitts, Eugene S. Emerson, Murdock C. Moore, Wesley C. Gustafson, Leonard I. Scott.

Freshman Class: Warren A. Danner, Winthrop Davidson, William N. Dodge, A. Robert Hallberg.

Eighth Grade: James E. McCarthy, Roland Hallberg, Ralph E. Pratt.

Seventh Grade: Ernest Burns.

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The Hurricane

Thompson's Island lay in the path of the hurricane which swept New England on September 21. From 5:30 until 8:30 P.M. the wind velocity ranged often from ninety miles per hour upward. After witnessing the great storm any written or oral description seems feeble. The incredible fury of the wild winds as they swept across the Island, and all New England, is beyond narrating.

The unexpected and unprecedented storm did not concern local weather bureaus until mid-afternoon, when it became apparent that the tropical hurricane was not proceeding along normal lines. Warnings were issued, but before most people could get safely sheltered the storm was upon them. Ravaging floods and devastating fires added to the horror as New England battled desperately to save life and property. Transportation and communication facilities were seriously crippled, and in those areas suffering most, isolation was nearly complete.

An exact summary of the damage done here is impossible to give. The staunch buildings withheld the storm, excepting for damage of not too serious a nature. No one was hurt in the slightest. A sad story indeed is the telling of the fine old trees which were felled by the storm. French Grove, at the northern tip of the Island, was practically ruined. Bowditch Grove, with its grand and stately trees, was extensively damaged. The larger trees fell with a roar, and ruined the smaller trees in their path.

Roofs of the various buildings were damaged. The large cupola on the barn was damaged as the wind ripped its top away. The gold leafed metal cow, a landmark, was blown from the top of the barn. Ridgepoles, shingles and other parts of roofs were damaged. Two

windows were blown in. The small booth on the end of our wharf collapsed. Of course we were completly isolated. For a short time we had no electric power.

The lawns about Mansion Hill were put in a deplorable condition. Trees which have taken fifty years to a century to nurture were damaged beyond help of any tree surgery. The Front Lawn, the grove between the two avenues and the North Lawn all felt the fury of the storm. The row of trees on the playground was badly damaged.

All possible precautions were taken to safeguard our floating equipment and our boat rode the storm without damage. Amidst the howling wind and heavy sea, lines were passed between three boats and our pier making secure the boats seeking shelter. Three men, fearing the storm, left their boat and spent the night with us.

Although we had no loss to our wharf or boats the South Boston shore was a mass of wreckage. It is safe to say that from three to four hundred boats, many of them expensive yachts, were crashed against the sea wall, or wrecked in other ways by the hurricane. Of the several hundred boats in Dorchester Bay less than twenty could be counted on the morning following the hurricane.

Friends of the school became worried when they were unable to contact us. However, as soon as possible we broadcast the news of our safety through the medium of the Boston Globe and the Yankee Network. We express our deep appreciation to both of these agencies for carrying to our friends the story of our security.

Topics in Brief

The Fall term of school has proceeded smoothly, and the real work of winter has been undertaken with enthusiasm. Each class undertakes to give a program on Monday evenings, at which the most interesting parts of classroom studies are staged. So far current history, science and other subjects have received attention. Visitors to our schoolrooms are impressed by the happy, businesslike manner in which the boys go about their everyday school work.

The fall recreational program has commenced. Football takes the important place, which is as it should be. The school team has played two games, one with Ipswitch High School, and one with Story High of Manchester, Mass. Although both games were lost, the interest in the sport has not dwindled in the slightest. The school squad numbers 22 players, and the other boys are members of three teams which play a schedule at the school. Every boy is given opportunity to take part in this grand sport.

Workmen are busy making repairs to our roofs, following the recent hurricane, which did the damage. It will be some time before the Island lawns and groves presents their usual neat appearance. There is much to be done in the way of removing fallen trees, and limbs. Yet, we have our regular fall work which must also be accomplished.

The hurricane caused our beach to be littered with parts of boats of all kinds. Graduates and old friends of the School will be interested to know that the PILGRIM II, now owned by a South Boston man, foundered in the storm, and part of her superstructure was washed up on our beach, not far from where she had her berth for more than three decades.

Among our recent visitors was President Arthur Adams. He was an interested spectator at a football scrimmage on Saturday, September 17.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, September 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

14. The steamer made her sixth visit and took the boys to see the U. S. Ship Vermont launched at the Navy Yard after which she went down the harbor with the boys and their friends.

21. Dr. Morrill passed over the island in a balloon.

27. M. Grant and Barnum Field, Esqrs., and Mr. Henry C. Harden, teacher elect, visited the school. Joseph R. Grose was admitted. John A. Duggan left to live with Jason Smith, a shoemaker in Duxbury.

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 82° on the first.

Minimum Temperature 45° on the ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 63°.

Ten clear days, seven partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, September 30, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	36.19
	$1252.86

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$494.07
Trading Co. Deposits	583.75
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	24.45
Surplus	149.17
	$1252.86

Thank You

On behalf of the boys of the school, I want to thank all for what has been done to make our 1938 football schedule possible. Every boy appreciates what has been done to help in making interscholastic football possible. Every member of the school team squad is happy to be taking part in such a fine schedule as we have this year. Thank you for your support for our team.

Weston O. Page, ***Captain***

Friends' Day in Town

Last month on September 10, the boys had a Friends' Day in town. One purpose of this trip was to get clothes for the winter months. Many of the boys spent their time buying clothes, and visiting friends. I enjoyed myself by playing various games at my house with some younger friends that I had known before I came to this school.

When it came time to return to the Island I began to realize what a good time I had had. My father, who had come to get me was the only relative I saw. It was a great day for most of the boys and I enjoyed it especially well.

In order that this trip be possible, the new boys did the essential work around the buildings. As they had been here a week they knew what had to be done. Each of the new boys helped willingly and we are thankful to them.

The weather for this day was extra fine, and we are grateful for it.

The last trip got back in time to enjoy one of the usual Saturday night suppers.

Winthrop Davidson

Our School Song

Of all songs sung by the boys the favorite is our beloved "School Song". It is a song of love and loyalty to our Island and School. When it is heard by a Graduate it brings back memories of school days and former friends. To a visitor it is a melody in which can be heard the traits of our School. To a student it is his "School Song."

Murdock C. Moore

Life-Saving Medal Awarded

On September 29 more than four hundred, including faculty, boys and friends, gathered to observe the first visiting day since the opening of the fall term of school. A concert by the band played a prominent part on the program.

A feature of the exercises was the awarding of the President's Medal of the National Safety Council, to William J. Bevans, Jr., who successfully resuscitated John McDonald on March 27, 1938. McDonald, a South Boston boy, was one of five whose boat capsized on Dorchester Bay on March 27, 1938, resulting in the death of one of the occupants. Prompt and efficient rescue work by the Thompson's Island boat and crew saved four. Young McDonald was kept alive by the Prone method of resuscitation applied by Bevans, and the latter's work brought praise from both police and hospital authorities. An engraved certificate accompanied the medal, and said in part, "William J. Bevans, Jr., has been awarded the President's Medal for the saving of human life from death by suspension of normal breathing by the Schaefer Prone Pressure Method of Resuscitation." Enthusiastic applause was given Bevans as he stepped forward to receive the medal from the hands of Mr. William M. Meacham, Headmaster, who presented it for the National Safety Council.

The Shaw Scholarship was awarded to Eugene Proctor. A full account of this award will be found on page two.

Certificates and emblems were awarded twenty pupils who completed the course in Life Saving and Water Safety, as prescribed by the American Red Cross.

Numerous other honors were announced and presentations made for leadership in the recreational program of the summer term.

New Boys

The fall term of school opened on September 12 with the following boys enrolled as new students:

Frank Anderson, Boston
Douglas M. Bashaw, Westboro
Wellman E. Bonsey, Boston
Donald G. Brown, Brockton
Arthur F. Brosseau, Jr., Everett
Arthur W. Chase, Derry, N. H.
Wallace F. Chouinard, Lynn
Edwin W. Colby, Wellesley
David G. Haeger, Waltham
George W. Hardy, Medfield
Roger E. Hardy, Medfield
Malcolm C. Huston, Avon
George A. Jee, Jr., Boston
Walter H. Johansson, Needham
William J. Lawson, No. Wilmington
James D. McArthur, Cambridge
Alan K. MacLean, Lynn
James J. Macdonald, Weston
Milton W. McNamara, Boston
Arthur A. Stilphen, Gloucester
Arthur L. Thibodeau, Malden
Kenneth M. Walley, Waltham
David A. Wilson, East Weare, N. H.
George J. Zevitas, Roxbury

1938 Varsity Football

—September 24. - Ipswich H. S. at Ipswich

—October 1. - Story H. S. at Manchester

—October 8. - Marshfield H. S. at Marshfield

—October 15. - Scituate H. S. at Thompsons' Island

—October 29. - Cohasset H. S. at Thompsons' Island

—November 5. - Hanover H. S. at Hanover

—November 11. - Weymouth H. S. at Weymouth

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A Letter from Franklin P. Miller, '18

Dear Mr. Meacham,

Your information was entirely correct, I have been in Hawaii for two years, and intend to remain here another year at least. I am assigned to the 11th. Field Artillery, an outfit in which I served while on a former tour in the Islands.

For fourteen months I have been in command of the Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, and Combat Train, second Battalion, of this regiment. This is a unit of about one hundred men, who form the brains and nerves of the Battalion as a fighting unit. We man the headquarters, serve radios and telephone installations, supply ammunition, and operate six searchlights against air attack as a sideline.

During these months, I have had no officers to assist me, due to a shortage of junior officers, and have acted as Battalion Adjutant, Plans and Training Officer, and Gunnery Instructor for the Officers of the whole unit. This may explain my delay in answering your letter.

Mrs. Miller and our daughter, Nancy, are with me, and enjoying Hawaii thoroughly. My Mother and Father-in-law, Reverend and Mrs. Partch, have been with us for nearly two years, and are returning to the mainland this month.

Outside of them, my family also includes a Japanese maid, an orderly, and two very large Airdale dogs who seem to be known by name to every soldier on this post—some 16,000 in all.

In spite of disrupted mail and sailing communications with the mainland, which drives home to us the fact that we are on an island some 2,000 miles away from the mainland, in an ocean which makes the Atlantic seem like a puddle for size, we like the Territory of Hawaii.

Our house is U shaped, with a patio in the wings of the U. It is quite large, and wide open to the Trade winds. Around it I have planted some two thousand different plants, of over 300 different varieties. I cut a bunch of home-grown bananas yesterday, and have two trees of avocados. The chief pride is my ginger and my jasmine, however, both in bloom at this season.

I am still writing stories, ranging from sport yarns for the pulp magazines, to involved technical articles for the Field Artillery Journal. The sport stories are much the most profitable. Incidently, I coached the regimental football team for the last two seasons.

I think this brings me up to date. Here's hoping some of the men from the school try out the Army in Hawaii. They will find this fortress interesting.

Very sincerely,
Franklin P. Miller
1st. Lieut. 11th F. A.

We regret to report the passing of ROBERT MACKAY, '05, at the South Weymouth hospital on September 18. Mr. MacKay suffered a severe shock. The funeral service was conducted at Hingham on September 21.

ROLLINGS A. FURBUSH, '18, is the President of the California Association of Middlebury College Alumni. He is Assistant Manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., 724 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles, Calif., and lives at 2145 Minorv Drive, Altadena, California.

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The Old Elm, which, for about a century, has been one of the beauty landmarks of our Island campus.

Much of the everyday life of our boys is centered about this grand elm. The boys enjoy sitting around this tree, perhaps reading, talking or playing some quiet game. Or, if they feel more boisterous, one of the rougher type games will be played. Large lights illuminate this area and many a pleasant fall evening is spent out-of-doors in the company of the "Old Elm."

This picture will touch a responsive chord in the hearts of all former pupils. Although time has changed much of our Island Campus, this area of "sacred memory ground" remains quite as it has within the memory of our oldest graduate. May the Old Elm remain a "silent sentinel on guard" for many years to come.

Beach Walks

Every Sunday our minister, Mr. Perrigo, invites everyone to go for a walk around the beach with him. He says he likes to walk on Sunday so as to realize God's presence in the things about us, and that is his purpose in taking the boys. Most of us boys seldom stop in our play during the week to thank God for the trees, and the birds and the countless other blessings we have. How bleak our life would be without these blessings!

William J. Lawson

Mal Cameron's Show

Before I came to F. T. S. I saw Mal Cameron give a magic show. When I heard he was coming here I expected to see the same tricks. Imagine my surprise when Mr. Cameron had practically a new show. He did many tricks, some of which were very funny. Mrs. Cameron assisted him. Bobby Winters, a young juggler, was part of the entertainment and he knew many professional tricks. He was dressed in a very funny costume and had the boys in fits of laughter.

Donald G. Brown

My Favorite Work

One of the best departments to work in here, and the one which I like best is the Sloyd Room and the Woodworking shop. The boys here do all kinds of odd jobs of repairing. When anything is broken the boys in the shop crew are most likely to be asked to repair it. The shop boys help beginners when they need it. Sometimes visitors are impressed with woodworking projects and ask to have some. Then the shop boys make them.

Axel R. Hallberg

A Day in the Schoolroom

The Freshman classes begin at 7·30, and the first subject studied is Algebra. We are studying about parentheses in equations. The next period is History; we have concluded studying about Greece and are learning about Rome. English follows History, and during this period we have either literature or English grammar. After English we have a ten minute recess, then the boys have either Agriculture, Sloyd or a study period. The final subject studied is French, and we are learning the first conjugation.

Richard J. Nelson

At Tremont Temple

Our Band, numbering forty-two members, crossed to City Point on the Pilgrim III, boarded busses and arrived in a short time at Tremont Temple, on Tuesday, October 11. We played a program for a club made up of women. I played Baritone in the Band, and I had a lot of fun.

After the concert we met our friends and went to Loew's State Theatre to see "Boys' Town," and other pictures. We had a fine time.

Douglas M. Bashaw

Intra-Mural Football

The whistle blows! The ball flies down the field! So starts another of our intra-mural football games, played every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. There are three teams playing for the Shield, which is given each year by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. Just now the Crusaders are leading. The Navy team is close behind and the Tigers are gaining fast. My team is the Navy, and we are going to make a good record.

Warren A. Danner

Awards

One of the many interests of the boys are the many tournaments we have. Some of these are regular schedules to choose a winning team and some are e-

limination tournaments. In all of them the boys are divided into groups according to age. There are awards for each sport all very much worth receiving. The most popular among the sports are: tennis, marbles, basketball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and football.

Robert G. Ryerson

Awarding the Crosby Trophies

The Crosby baseball shield and individual trophies were awarded on November 14. The championship team had the following personnel.

Eagles, Shield Team.

Myron A. Pratt, Capt.
Robert W. MacWha
Eugene Proctor
A. Robert Hallberg
Donald F. Griswold
Karl G. Hulten
John J. McGraw
Charles H. Grant
Wesley C. Gustafson

Substitutes

Warren A. Danner
Donald L. Rice

Those awarded individual trophies:

Howard M. Colpitts, Catcher
Weston O. Page, Pitcher
Eugene Proctor, First Base
Harold K. Malmgren, Second Base
Robert J. English, Third Base
Karl G. Hulten, Short Stop
Richard A. Martin, Left Field
Warren M. Linnell, Center Field
Ernest Burns, Right Field
Myron A. Pratt, Sub. Catcher
Robert W. MacWha, Sub. Pitcher

Ancient History

Our first study in Ancient History this year concerned Egypt and her people, which we took up to 500 B.C. Then we studied Babylonian history until the same period. We have also studied about the ancient Assyrians, Philistines, Phoenicians, Greek colonies and government, Persians and Romans. The history of Italy has so far been the most interesting. I enjoy studying history, and have learned much this year. Charles A. Pecce

The Grew Garden Prizes

The Grew Garden Prizes, given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, daughter of our former Manager Henry S. Grew, and wife of our present Manager, Mr. S.V.R. Crosby, were awarded to the following boys on November 14.

Prize

1 Weston O. Page
2 Harold K. Malmgren
3 William N. Dodge
4 Donald L. Rice
5 William H. Britton
6 William L. Schlegel
7 James R. Langton
8 Ralph E. Pratt
9 Richard J. Nelson
10 James H. Rolston

The Jester's Comments

—It would be well if William Joseph Bevans, Jr., didn't have to spend so much time in his various pursuits. Anyway, Bill has charge of the clothing room and the way he distributes pants causes some of the boys to shudder. Bill expects the boy to fit the pants, rather than have the pants fit the boy. He has quite a time planning his work, let alone doing it. Really, Bill, if you don't put more time into your tailoring our boys will look like an invading army from Mars. The planeteers wear tights, short ones at that.

—G. R. Davis, the popular professor, was visited recently by one of our graduates who lives in Whitman. We were elated to learn that our young student was exceedingly well known in his home town,—better known in fact than many of the other older townsfolk. The professor has a way with him.

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Farm Instructors

MARK C. BAIRD, Head Farm Instructor, 1928
ROBERT R. KITCHING, Poultry, 1928
CARLTON W. STILES, Crops, 1936
THOMAS L. ABBOTT, Herdsman, 1938

Academic

GEORGE R. RONKA, B. S., Principal, 1936
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Supervisors

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, Recreation Director, 1926
RAYMOND THOMAS, Supervisor and Coach, 1930
JOHN R. MACDONALD, Night Supervisor, 1937

Trades Instructors

B. Y. KIHLSTROM, Sloyd, Forging, 1919
EDWARD H. HAYNES, Engineer, 1930
JAMES H. JARDINE, Boats, 1933
ARTHUR H. PICKARD, Printing, 1936
BENJAMIN A. WEBB, Painting, 1937

Executive Office

WILHELMINA B. THOMAS, Secretary, 1931
ISABEL L. STILES, Bookkeeper, 1937

Household Departments

MARION L. NICHOLS, Head of Kitchen, 1913
HENRIETTA COFFILL, Kitchen Instructor, 1929
MAY B. VARNEY, Head of Dining Room, 1929
MARY F. MATHEWSON, Kitchen Instructor, 1931
GRACE WILLIAMS, Sewing Instructor, 1934
MARY C. B. JONES, Laundry Instructor, 1934
MAY MITCHELL, Dormitory Instructor, 1935
LAURA L. FISHER, Dining Room Instructor, 1937

Topics in Brief

Our Sunday Services are being conducted this year by Mr. Lloyd Perrigo, a Senior at Gordon College. Many of the boys are taking an active part in the religious work, and we anticipate another highly successful year in our Church program.

Our farm established a record this year with the potato crop. 1,330 bushels of this vegetable were harvested. When the digging of potatoes got underway we realized that a record would probably be made. Other crops also resulted in large yields, and our farm has had a very profitable season.

On October 11 our Band assisted with a program in Tremont Temple, playing for an audience of several hundred. Following this concert the boys enjoyed the motion picture "Boys' Town." The boys' parents and other relatives and friends were with the boys, and all had a very pleasant evening. On the following day another group attended the same theatre (Loew's State) with their parents. Later that week, on Saturday, the football squad invited their parents to the Scituate High School game here.

Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, made his annual visit to the School on October 13, and presented his usual very clever performance of magic. Robert Winters, a Boston high school student accompanied him and gave a thoroughly enjoyable exhibition of juggling. Mr. Cameron has brought his show to us annually for many years now, and each year presents a fresh, outstanding performance, and one which the boys look forward to with eager anticipation.

The observance of Hallowe'en is being more enjoyable every year, at least so it seems to the boys. This year the festivities began with a buffet supper in the Gymnasium. The usual Hallowe'en delicacies, pumpkin pie, cider, doughnuts, apples and several kinds of sandwiches were enjoyed. Supper was followed by a Costume parade, an event in which 46 boys took part. This parade would have to be witnessed to be really appreciated. The clever, original costumes brought forth continual applause and the judges were placed in the difficult position of selecting prize winners, when almost all of the 46 entrants had costumes worthy of the awards.

The party adjourned to our Assembly Hall where the boys and instructors staged a program of sketches, songs, projected cartoons and other entertaining novelties.

The festivities were closed by Mr. Meacham, who spoke briefly. He expressed his appreciation to the faculty and boys for the unusually fine program.

A favorite pastime of the boys is hiking on the beach. On most Sundays a complete circuit of the island is made. Many interesting objects are washed upon our shores. Once in a while pieces of rare and valuable wood are found, which are almost immediately fashioned into useful objects in our Sloyd Room.

On October 24 the eighth grade pupils gave an interesting program on modern means of transportation, centering their attention principally on trains. Pictures of the older trains were shown, followed by those of the stream-lined coaches of the present day.

A class of eighteen are studying the course in First Aid as prescribed by the American Red Cross. Our Supervisor, Raymond Thomas, is instructing the

group. This instruction will be completed late in December, offering the opportunity for another group to begin after the holiday season.

On Wednesday, October 12, a game party was held in our Assembly Hall. All the popular games, such as chess, checkers, cards, were enjoyed. Ping Pong was played steadily during the evening. This event took place on Columbus Day, a holiday filled with activities, all thoroughly enjoyed.

The intra-mural football competition is proving of great interest. Excepting for twenty-two boys who are members of the Varsity, all the boys are members of one of the six groups participating. The smaller boys are playing a modified six-man type of game, while the others play the regulation game for the championship Silver Shield awarded annually by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. The best player in each position is given a medal. The type of game played is good, the groups are well-matched; the general result being a football season providing splendid recreation.

The 1938 Senior Tennis tournament was won by Weston O. Page; the junior tournament by Charles A. Pecce. Horseshoe pitching was run as a tournament also this year, and resulted in Ralph E. Pratt being the champion.

The Varsity has played Manchester High on October 1 losing 19-0; Scituate High School on October 15, losing 13-6 and Cohasset High School on October 29, losing 13-7. It will not be long before the score is forgotten, but the good sportsmanship evident in these contests will be remembered in the years to come. The Scituate and Cohasset teams played on our gridiron, and we enjoyed having the boys with us.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, October 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. Received per sloop Lady Temperence, Capt. Geo. Clapp, 45 tons coal and 8 cords wood.

7. Ann Morrison went to Salem to School.

13. Moses Grant, Benj. A. Gould, Geo. H. Kuhn, and Jesse Bird of the Board of Directors and the friends of the boys visited the Island in the steamer. being the seventh and last visit for the season.

21. Finished digging potatoes.

22. The Superintendent read from Abbot's School Boy to the boys on "Other Worlds."

25. The ceremony of admitting the water into city was celebrated to-day.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 87° on the seventeenth.

Minimum Temperature 38° on the seventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 57°.

Ten clear days, ten partly cloudy, and eleven cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	16.34
	$1233.01

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$461.73
Trading Co. Deposits	584.50
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	38.19
Surplus	147.17
	$1233.01

A Story in "Scholastic"

Our teacher, Mr. Ronka, arranged for the boys to have each week the magazine "Scholastic". It has world news, editorials and stories written for high school students. One of the stories is called "Boy Dates Girl" and all the boys here read it every week. A grandmother does not like her granddaughter keeping company with boys, so the girl brings the boy to visit her grandmother and the boy becomes a favorite with the family.

William C. Morse, Jr.

Harvesting Carrots

Carrots, beets and cabbage have been harvested lately by the farm boys. When carrots are grown they are harvested which is just before cold weather sets in. The carrot tops are removed and the vegetable left in the sun to dry. They are then put into bushel bags and stored in the root cellar until needed by the kitchen. There are four kinds of carrots: Improved Danver, Chantenay, Nantles and Oxheart.

George W. Jefferson, Jr.

Working on the Playground

The northern end of our playground has been extended, so that we may have a level field for football and baseball. We have been working during the past two weeks carrying loam from the south end, for the entire additional surface needs about six inches of loam. This loam is being transported by our big five ton truck, and by our tractor. We hope in future years to see that the product of our labors is all we now hope it will be.

Arthur A. Roulston

Our Hallowe'en Party

On Hallowe'en night we had a party in the Gym. We had a fine supper, of sandwiches, doughnuts, pie, apples and and cider to quench our thirst. After we finished eating we had a costume parade. More than half the school took part, and there were prizes for all the contestants. After the parade we had games and stunts. Then we went to the Assembly Hall and saw a program staged by the boys. This was made up of various sketches, poems and Hallowe'en fun. The party ended at about ten o'clock.

John E. Close

A Runaway Horse

One day while I was on the farm the work was to haul dirt from South End to the Main Building. I was driving the horse, when suddenly the horse decided to run, and he did. The wagon swayed at every step the horse took, the chains weakened, the tug parted and the wagon creaked. Pulling the reins slowed the horse a little, but he kept running until he felt like stopping. After he stopped the harness was righted and temporary repairs made. We started up again, and after a short distance the horse began to run again. When he got tired he stopped his running.

John J. McGraw

Laundry Work

The laundry is a very interesting place to work. Here one learns how to do many things, such as operating the washers, extractor and dryer. Then there is the mangle, or flatworker, to operate. The boys also learn how to iron, and many become real good ironers. There is a collar press and body ironer to learn to use. We also learn how to take care of the machinery, keep it clean and working properly. One afternoon each week is "cleaning day" and we give the laundry a thorough cleaning, scrubbing the floor, and so forth.

John H. Bonsey

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A Letter

1463 Beacon Street
Brookline, Mass.
Sept. 26, 1938

Dear Mr. Meacham,

First of all I want to thank you very much for allowing me to finish the wood work I had at the School. This is a very tardy thank you and I apologize for not writing you sooner, but as I have been very busy getting settled in school, I could not find the time.

I am enrolled in Brookline High School and in the senior class in which there are 450 students. It is a decided difference being in a class of this size compared with the Junior class at F.T.S. last year. I am taking five subjects, Chemistry, U.S. History, English, Biology and Commercial Geography. I am not compelled to take five subjects but if I fail in one subject, which shall not happen I hope, the other four will give me the required percentage to pass for the year. I play in the band and orchestra but do not enjoy it as much as the band at F.T.S. The type of music and quality of the playing are far below the F.T.S. band.

I sincerely hope that no great damage has been done to the school by this storm. I suppose there are a few trees down but I expect the old elm took it standing up. I don't know what the boys would do without the elm tree to sit under. I have read in the papers that the fleet of the South Boston Yacht Club was almost entirely demolished. This does not apply to The Farm and Trades School fleet, does it?

I saw that the Ipswich team scored more touchdowns than did F.T.S. Please congratulate the boys for their fine sportsmanship. Ipswich wins so very few games and F.T.S. so many that it is only fair for our boys to let them win at least once.

I still call the boys at the School and myself "we" from force of habit. It is a habit, though, of which I am proud.

In closing I would like to be called upon at any time when funds are being raised for band trips or other activities. I would like to help give the band boys the pleasures and enjoyment that I got when in the F.T.S. band through the support of graduates before me.

A proud and appreciative graduate,
William F. Reagan ('37)

Roger K. Smith '23

"As to your inqiury about my present position I will go on to say that after leaving the Island I went through high school and thence through Mass. Nautical School. I went to sea a number of years becoming a licensed Chief Mate for any ocean, any tonnage. I left the sea as I am now married and the life of the sea and that of marriage, to me, does not work out too well. My present position is that of investigator for the above firm." (Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Englewood, N. J.).

Roger K. Smith '23

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A Summary of The Alumni Association

By William Alcott, '84

The present Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was organized on Oct. 6, 1896, and has since served to maintain and increase the interest of those who as boys attended the school. Always there has been a strong fraternal spirit in Farm School boys and it has resulted in other efforts to organize for mutual benefit of members and the school.

As early as 1852 the Farm School Club was in existence. Almost nothing is known of it, but in the diary of the superintendent, under date of Feb. 18, 1852, is this entry: "Went to the city and spent the evening with the Farm School Club."

Twenty-five years later a society was organized among the older undergraduates at the school. Frank S. Dunbar, '71, then serving as an instructor, was the leader, and the form was of a school fraternity. It was known as the K.C.B. A room in the south corner of the Old Barn was fitted up for its meetings. In a few years it had become an alumni body, and the name became the K.C., meaning Knights of the Crescent. Copies of the By-Laws, printed at the school in 1884, are still extant. When the first reunion of the school band was held in 1884 the K.C. was helpful in spreading interest in the affair and in promoting attendance. At the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Appleton Morse in 1883, the K.C. made an alumni gift, and when Mr. Morse passed away in 1892, they aided in raising funds for a memorial at the grave in his native town of Dublin, N.H.

In 1896, under the superintendency of Charles H. Bradley, a meeting was held at the school, and the Farm School Alumni was organized. The first officers were J. Belches, president; Frank G. Bryant, vice president; A. B. Steele, secretary; Arthur D. Fearing, treasurer. Three years later a reorganization occurred and has developed into a helpful and influential body. Ever since then four meetings a year have been held without fail. Two are for business, in May and December. In midwinter a banquet or reunion is held in town, and in June a field day is held at the school.

In 1912 came the first invitation from the Board of Managers to nominate a member for their body, and Thomas J. Evans '64, was the unanimous choice. Since then four others have been elected, and in the future one member is to be nominated each year. Walter B. Foster '79 and Alden B. Hefler '87 were elected in 1920, William Alcott '84 in 1935, and Alfred C. Malm '00, who had already

served as assistant treasurer of the Board since 1920, in 1936.

In 1914 the association established an alumni fund which now exceeds $10,000. For some years a gold medal was awarded annually to the undergraduate attaining the highest rank in scholarship. The Richard Bell Candy Fund is maintained to provide boxes of candy for the boys at Christmas time. The Boy Scouts have been provided with tents for camping, and the alumni have cooperated in raising funds to defray the annual trips of the school band to the State and New England music festivals, as well as providing attractive uniforms.

In the past 40 years the alumni association has been served by the following presidents:

1899-01 Hobart W. French '78
1901-02 John F. Peterson '96
1902-04 Alden B. Hefler '87
1904-06 George Buchan '97
1906-08 Clarence W. Loud '96
1908-10 Thomas John Evans '64
1910-12 Richard Bell '73
1912-14 Walter B. Foster '78
1914-16 Charles Duncan '71
1916-18 William N. Hughes '59
1918-20 William Alcott '84
1920-23 James H. Graham '79
1923-25 Will Frank Davis '79
1925-28 Merton P. Eilis '97
1928-31 Alfred C. Malm '00
1931-33 Harold W. Edwards '10
1933-34 Donald S. MacPherson '17
1934-36 Frederick W. Pearson '78
1936-39 Howard B. Ellis '98

Miss Marion Nichols Honored on Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

On Friday November 25 the student body and faculty gathered to pay tribute to Miss Marion Nichols, who on that day, observed her 25th anniversary as an instructor. During most of this period she was head of the culinary department.

The Board of Managers was to have been represented by President Arthur Adams, but winds of gale force made it necessary for him to remain on the mainland. However our Headmaster William M. Meacham spoke in behalf of Mr. Adams. He stated that when Miss Nichols came to the School Mr. Adams was treasurer, and the late Alfred Bowditch was president. Two other presidents of the Board of Managers followed during Miss Nichols' tenure, the late Richard M. Saltonstall, father of Gov.-Elect Leverett Saltonstall, and Mr. Adams. Mention was made of some of the improvements made during the twenty-five years of service given by Miss Nichols.

An attractive wrist watch, suitably engraved in commemoration of the occasion was presented Miss Nichols by Mr. Meacham, who represented, and spoke on behalf of, the Board of Managers.

Messages of congratulation were received from many. Governor-Elect Leverett Saltonstall, a member of the Board of Managers, sent a telegram. Nearly every class during the past twenty-five years, and representatives of earlier classes sent congratulatory messages. Many former associates sent greetings, as well as former pupils.

The faculty presented a handsome brooch, Clifton E. Albee making the presentation.

Towards the close of the ceremonies Miss Nichols responded in her quiet and unassuming way. She thanked all for the kindness shown and spoke appreciatively of the splendid cooperation, and happy associations she has received during a quarter century of service.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving every table was filled with food. In the middle was a stuffed turkey roasted to a golden brown. Several dishes had vegetables; squash, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and onions. There was cranberry sauce and turkey gravy. For dessert there was plum pudding, and two kinds of pies. We also had celery. Each table had bowls filled with nuts and candy.

Before we ate Mr. Meacham spoke for a moment and the Cottage Row mayor, Eugene Proctor, read the government Proclamation.

William D. Bernard

Making Pop Corn

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Meacham asked for some Senior Scouts to help make pop corn. I am not a Senior Scout yet, but I helped put the corn in bags. We used large roasting pans for the corn. It was popped in butter, and salt added when the bags were filled. Every boy got a good sized bag full just as soon as it was popped.

James F. St. Coeur

Playing the Drum

I started taking drum lessons after I had been here only a few days. The first thing to do is learn to hold the sticks properly. I have learned to roll. This is done by getting two notes with each stick. First it is done very slowly, then it is played faster until it sounds like one continuous roll of tones.

Roger E. Hardy

Football on Thanksgiving Day

At nine o'clock on Thanksgiving Day the smallest boys in the school played a six-man football game. When this was finished two other teams, Army and Navy played. This was a good game which Navy won. I played in the backfield. In the afternoon the big game between Harvard and Yale took place. Harvard won 13-0.

Arthur L. Thibodeau

A Pep Meeting

The night before the big football games on Thanksgiving Day everyone gathered in the Assembly Hall for a "smoker." Most of the players made speeches, telling why their team would win. The captains were: Army; George Davis, Navy; William Dodge, Harvard, Weston Page and Yale, Howard Colpitts. After we listened to the players we decided for which team we would cheer. Then we had cheering practice.

Donald L. Davis

The Jester's Comments

—Axel Hallberg, our talented woodworker, is a trombonist by avocation. Weston Page is another trombonist by avocation or something else. Both of these young men have developed their uncanny musical instincts and have delighted in serenading smaller boys, often aweing them by their trombonology. The fame of these performers of individual style collapsed when Mr. Warren, our Bandmaster, disproved their theories.

—Charlie Gilbert, our enterprising office boy was seeking to deliver a message to an instructor. Into a room he went, saw the instructor and asked if the instructor was there. The latter looked at Charlie in amazement. Charlie replied, "I'll have to look for him." Whereupon the messenger began a systematic search. The instructor pondered and reflected somewhat and went searching for the office boy. When they met Charlie delivered the message. What is it that preoccupies Charlie Gilbert so?

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There are many reminders of life values during the holiday season. November eleventh brings to mind the World War, which we in America called the war to end wars, the fight for democracy. Events which have since transpired clearly show that world democracy is impossible, at least in our time. In America we are still clinging to that ideal. We hope time will never take away our liberties and freedom.

Thanksgiving reminds us of the hardships of our forefathers on this continent and the struggles which made possible our present freedom and abundance of good things of life. In spite of some poverty and hardships to be endured there is still no land where we would prefer to live. The deepest poverty in this country would be abundance and almost luxury in some other countries.

Christmas is the day of great rejoicing and we have all but forgotten that this is the day set aside to do honor to Jesus Christ. It is His birthday that we are celebrating. If we followed His ideas and decided our problems as He would decide them we would hardly need any other laws or rules of life.

The New Year is traditionally the time of new resolutions. This means that we admit mistakes made in the year past and we look forward to a new opportunity to achieve our best during this coming short period of one year.

And so we go into a new year thankful that we live in a great democratic country, ever mindful of the heritage given us by those great pioneers of America, and humble in the presence of that great Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ.

Topics in Brief

A Merry Christmas to you!

Many of our leading organizations are holding rededication ceremonies to the principles of Americanization. Our Junior Class, at the Assembly program on November 21, led the School in such a program. Patriotic essays, readings and songs were ably presented in a fitting manner.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in our usual very happy manner. The dinner was all that one could wish. Of course we had the traditional menu, with roast stuffed turkey as the main dish. Cottage Row Government, through His Honor Mayor Eugene Proctor, had proclaimed the true meaning of the day, and on the Sunday preceding the holiday a fine Thanksgiving message was given by our Minister, Mr. Lloyd Perrigo. In the morning of the holiday the younger boys, calling themselves "Army" and "Navy", staged a football game. In the afternoon the older boys played. "Harvard" defeated "Yale" 13-0.

One of the pleasant events each month is the birthday party tendered by Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham to the faculty members and pupils whose birthdays occur during the month. The party for November took place on Nov. 17. Informal and happy, these birthday observances are thoroughly enjoyed.

The football team lost to Hanover High School 26-6 on November 5, and to Weymouth High School second team 19-6 on November 11. The schedule for the Crosby Shield and individual trophies has ended, the Crusaders, captained by Edwin W. Colby winning the championship. The football program was a busy one, and provided considerable interest. Eight teams were actively engaged, including three modified six-man teams, made up of the younger boys.

While speaking of weekly Assembly Programs we should mention the original dramatization of the trial of Charles Darnay, staged by the Sophomore Class on Nov. 28. This stirring incident from Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities," showed considerable talent.

The last week-end of the month was a happy one for the boys, for a snowstorm provided winter sports. However a thaw and continued mild temperatures forced the boys indoors to basketball and similar games until the winter begins in earnest. Nowhere, it seems, do boys enjoy winter sports as much as those on Thompson's Island.

Much work has been accomplished on the grading of a new field to replace our present playground. Topsoil is being applied and it is hoped that football and baseball games will be played on this area within two years.

The damage done by the recent hurricane has made much work on the roofs of the various buildings. This work has been finished. The lawns and groves need much attention, and we are spending as much time as possible, and yet continue to perform our necessary duties. It will take some time before all traces of the devastation are gone.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

25. Ann Morrison returned from Salem.

26. Rev. L. L. Allen from St. Louis spoke to the boys. Admitted James W. Finnegan of Boston.

Scout Meeting

At our last Scout meeting we began by having the Salute to the Flag. Then we gave the Scout Law. After hearing the Scribe's report we talked about troop business. Then everyone thought of how many different kinds of trees there were on the Island. A list was made, with descriptions of the trees. At the next meeting each scout is going to talk about some one kind of tree. During the last half hour we played games. Then we closed the meeting by giving the Scout Oath.

Ernest Burns

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 77° on the seventh.

Minimum Temperature 12° on the twenty-sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 47°.

Nine clear days, eight partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 30, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	45.16
	$1261.83

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$470.41
Trading Co. Deposits	598.52
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	45.31
Surplus	146.17
	$1261.83

Printing

Printing is very interesting. There are so many kinds of type, and ways to use them. So far we have learned about the different cases and how to set the type in the composing stick. We have run both presses, the paper cutter and the stitching machine. For our last lesson we learned how to make pads.

George Hardy

Miss Nichols' Anniversary

On November 25 we had a program in the dining room for Miss Nichols, who came here on that day twenty-five years ago. Mr. Meacham told about things that had happened since Miss Nichols came. He presented her with a fine watch from the Board of Managers. Then the instructors made her a gift. Mr. Adams was coming but it was a very rough day and he couldn't come.

David G. Haeger

Making Sheets

Lately we have made some sheets in the sewing room. The cloth was first measured and then my instructor pinned the hems. I then sewed the hems excepting the largest one, which my instructor did. We then folded the sheets and put them in the cupboard.

Wallace F. Chouinard

My Clarinet

I am learning how to play the clarinet, which is a nice instrument and very important in the band. I am in the Beginners' Band, and next year I hope to be in the School band. I am now learning how to play quarter notes. Already I know how to play whole and half notes.

Arthur F. Brosseau Jr.

Dormitory Work

In the afternoon Donald Davis and I help in the dormitories. We clean the bathrooms, stairways, woodwork and halls. We also wash the windows. Some of the halls are now being painted. We try to keep everything looking clean.

Franklyn S. Harris

The First Snowfall

Two weeks ago we had our first snowstorm. It was really two storms in one, and enough snow fell so that we could go sliding on Front Avenue. Everyone was very busy getting their sleds in condition. Those that didn't have one sent home for their sled. Mine came, but too late, for the snow melted quickly.

William H. Britton

Two Scouts Honored

At a meeting held on Nov. 9, two members of our Boy Scout troop were honored by being presented a personal citation from National Scout Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard. The national court of honor of the Boy Scout organization authorized the citation because of the alertness, preparedness and knowledge which William J. Bevans, Jr., and Leonard I. Scott displayed in rescuing four South Boston boys from drowning last March. Scout Leader Walter Fannon of South Boston made the presentation.

At the same meeting Investiture ceremonies were conducted for seven new scouts. Roland and Axel Hallberg, Franklyn and George Harris, Linwood Meacham, James McCarthy and Robert Ryerson were received into the troop.

Five scouts received first class badges from Chairman George Ronka of the Troop Committee. Those so honored were: Calvin and Albert Wilder of Dennysville, Maine; William Pratt of Braintree, James Langton of Weymouth and Wesley Gustafson of Peaks Island, Maine.

Scout Executive Frank Oescheger presented the third year charter of the troop to Headmaster William M. Meacham. Mr. Oescheger expressed appreciation for the fine work of the troop to the Troop Committee, comprised of three faculty members, George R. Ronka, Carleton W. Stiles and R. Carroll Jones.

In attendance at the meeting were several district leaders of Scouting and a scoutmaster and scout representing the South Boston troops.

How's Your French?

The Sophomore French Class prepared original anecdotes, a few of which we are including in this issue. They were written by Messieurs Eugene Emerson, William J. Bevans, Jr., and Murdock C. Moore.

—Lieutenant (avec colere): Qui a mis ces fleurs-ci sur la table?

Steward: Le commandant, monsieur.

Lieutenant: JOLIES, ne sont-elles pas.

—Maitre d'hotel a l'homme peche: Votre oeuf ne cuisinait-il pas assez longtemps?

Le client: Si, Si mais il ne cuisinait pas assez bientot.

—Paysan au roi: Voici le mouchoir que vous avez perdu mais dites-moi pourquoi vous en donnerez un prix de 5,000 dollars?

Roi: Parcequ'il est la chose seule dans lequelle le dictator me permettra mettre mon nez.

—Pendant la vie de Samuel Clements il financait beaucoup d' inventions pour les pauvres hommes. Quand il a trouve qu'il avait ete, il determinait renveyer l' homme prochain.

Trois jours plus tard il a repondu a la porte, et un homme lui a pose s'il aurait regarde son invention. Samuel Clements a dit "Non".

Apres il avait ferme la porte, il a ouvert encore la porte et a pose a l'homme son nom. L'homme a dit, "Alexander Graham Bell" et alors il a ferme la porte encore.

Samuel Clemments n'a jamais oublie son refus obstine.

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Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find our check for $2.00 in payment for the "Beacon" for two years.

With the coming of the first issue of the Beacon, there came a new interest in our lives, as we were enabled to come in touch once more, with the old school which it took years of experience and hard knocks to appreciate. It would do your heart good to see a couple of old lads scheming to see who will get hold of it first. The first thing I know Captain will start reading something from it, and I get up and leave the room. The Beacon is one thing I don't want read to me; I want to read it myself, slowly and carefully. We were very much interested in Mr. Meacham's analysis of progress of the group of boys who had been out in the world for some time, and we were sorry to learn of the havoc caused by the recent hurricane. Judging from what we read, we are of the opinion that the school must be wonderful, in comparison to what it was fifty years ago, and it was wonderful then.

With best wishes for the school and all connected with it, we are, a couple of the old boys,

Charles W. and Fred R. Hafley, 1883

Business Reviews,
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

'Tis said that a bad penny always turns up. Not that I've spent any time in any of the country's leading penitentiaries, but it has been over fifteen years since I've been in touch with the School.

After working out my inborn feeling of wanderlust and just plain itchy feet by travelling through Central and South America over a period of three years, I returned to this country via California where I paused for about two years. Returning east I passed through Erie, Penna., and liking the town and its progressive air, stayed there, married and am now the "proud owner" of my own little newspaper advertising business. . . . Could you give me the address of Chester Buchan who I believe was of the class of 1920 or 1921. Also that of Donald B. Akerstrom, who was of my class of '19 and who, incidentally, gave me quite a run for the honor of Valedictorian of our class. The last I have on him is a Syracuse, N.Y. address, but he is no longer at that location.

Many thanks for any of the above information which you may be able to supply and should you be in contact with any of the boys of the classes of 1918, 1919 or 1920, inform them that I would greatly enjoy hearing from any of them and guarantee a reply. . . . . .

Sincerely yours,
Nicholas M. Suarez, Jr., '19.

Among our younger graduates who have been married during the year is PAUL A. TURNER, '30. He was married last June 26 to Miss Beatrice Antoinette Whittier. The couple reside in Waterbury, Vermont, where Mr. Turner has a position with a radio broadcasting station.

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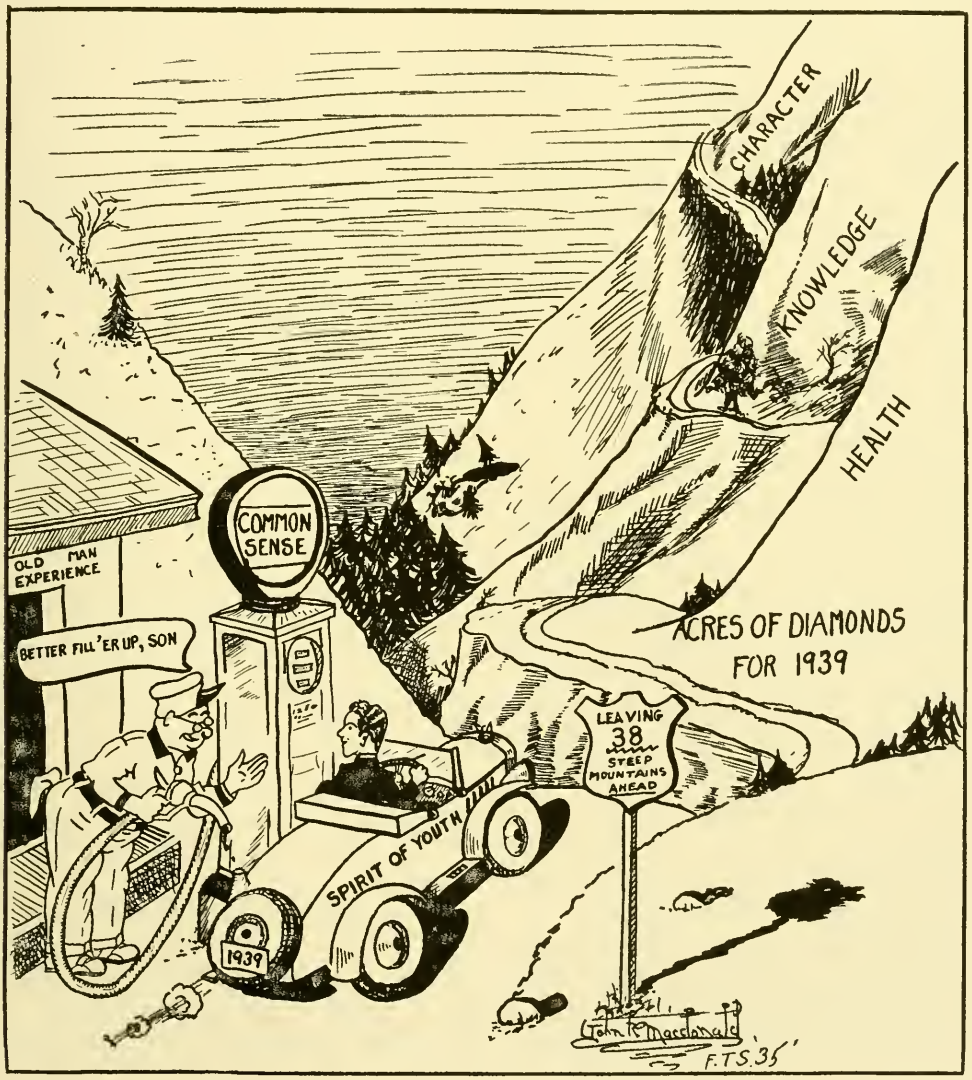

The Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert took place on December 18. An especially well presented play by Dorothy Clark Wilson entitled "Peace I Give Unto You" featured the program. Boys in the Band had special solos and quartettes to play and others recited. The Choir was very good and sang many of the old Carols. The complete program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn 214 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Congregation
Invocation Mr. Perrigo
Selection Joy to the World
Choir
Recitation Christmas in the Pines
Milton W. McNamara
Clarinet Solo Consolation
Eugene Proctor
Recitation Then and Now
Roger E. Hardy
Selection Silent Night
Choir
Recitation Christmas Love
Arthur F. Brosseau, Jr.
Trombone Solo Cantique de Noel
Myron A. Pratt
Recitation A Request
Darwin C. Baird
Selection Brass Quartet
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Christmas Play "Peace I Give Unto You"
Hymn 218 The First Noel
Congregation
Benediction Mr. Perrigo

Christmas

Every Christmas we have a big celebration, and this year it seemed as though we had an exceptionally good time.

In the morning, upon awakening, we found a stocking at the foot of our beds filled with nuts, oranges and some sort of toy. The early morning hours were enlivened by the sound of these toys, mostly musical, and of nuts cracking.

We had breakfast at half past seven, and then we did whatever work that was essential. At about nine o'clock we went to the Wharf to greet Santa Claus. We had a small carriage and as many as could get hold of it pulled Santa to the Main Building.

Shortly before ten o'clock we were seated in the Assembly Hall when Santa came in. We all tried to guess his identity, and many of the boys thought correctly that he was Mr. Ernest B. Walston, our former principal. He was given lusty cheers when he unmasked.

Mr. Meacham then helped distribute the presents. There was a great quantity of gifts. The largest ones were sleds and skiis, while the smallest one was a ring which one of the boys received. It took until dinner to get our presents, examine them and then spend time admiring gifts which others had received.

Christmas Dinner was a fine meal. We had fresh roast pork with all the other dishes that go with it, and many extra delicacies to make it a very happy meal.

At two o'clock a special program, presented as a gift from President Arthur Adams, was staged in the Assembly Hall. The program consisted of music, readings and novelties of several kinds. The music ranged from grand opera to popular songs of the day. The artists were Pietro Mordelia and two of his daughters, Flora and Rose Marie. We are very grateful to Mr. Adams for giving us such a fine program.

The program itself was followed by an unscheduled autograph hunt, with many of the boys securing autographs of performers, chiefly from Rose Marie.

When the evening came we all real-

ized that we had had as happy a day as one could wish. We thank all those who had a part in arranging such a fine time.

Robert J. English

The Beacon of 1938

The Beacon conveys to its readers the subjects of greatest interest to the boys. Last year, although the boys wrote on many things, a few subjects were of continual interest throughout the year.

The daily work of the boys inspired twenty-five to write on that subject. Recreation was second in number with seventeen articles. Flower garden culture was third, as eleven boys wrote of their experience in this field.

The activities of our Boy Scout troop were related in eight articles. Close behind was the telling of our Band by seven boys. Seven boys also wrote on the programs of the week of Graduation.

School work was related six times during the year. Parties were written about by four pupils, while the awarding of prizes was written by three.

Photography, Library and Friends' Days were the other popular subjects.

A year of the Beacon is the best possible history of the School. I am sure its readers find this representative of our school enjoyable reading.

Calvin L. Wilder

Honor Roll—Fall Term

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, 90; Eugene Proctor, 86.3.

Sophomore Class: Murdock C. Moore, 91.3; Wesley C. Gustafson, 87.5; Eugene S. Emerson, 87.5.

Freshman Class: Winthrop Davidson, 92.3; Arthur W. Chase, 88.7.

Eighth Grade: Ralph E. Pratt, 91.6; Kenneth M. Walley, 86.4; David A. Wilson, 86.4.

Seventh Grade: William H. Britton, 90.5; James F. St. Coeur, 86.7.

Sixth Grade: Milton W. McNamara, 91.2; Malcom C. Huston, 86.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term:

Junior Class: Eugene Proctor, Weston O. Page.

Sophomore Class: William J. Bevans, Howard M. Colpitts, Eugene Emerson, Wesley C. Gustafson, Murdock Clayton Moore.

Freshman Class: Winthrop Davidson.

Eighth Grade: Alan McLean, David Wilson, Ralph E. Pratt.

Seventh Grade: William H. Britton, Ernest Burns, David Haeger, Walter Johansson.

Sixth Grade: Milton W. McNamara, Malcolm C. Huston.

Moving Pictures

Mr. Walter Fannon, a South Boston Scoutmaster, brought his moving picture machine to the School on Dec. 26 and showed pictures. The first one was the student's life at West Point. Then there was a reel on the Boy Scout National Jamboree, and the International Jamboree. The last was an official government picture showing the World War. In the War picture big guns were shown, airplane battles and hand to hand skirmishes. There were some scenes showing hand grenade use.

George A. Jee

Don't waste words! The famed address of Lincoln at Gettysburg could easily be given during an average three minute telephone call.

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A few years ago the writer knew a man who could neither read nor write. His signature he made with a cross. To the end of his long life he maintained that to read or write would be an unforgivable waste of time and in spite of ample opportunity he would never make the slightest effort to learn these essentials. Otherwise he seemed to be a fairly normal human being and an honorable citizen. He married, raised a family of intelligent children, worked hard, and accumulated a small surplus of worldly goods.

We cannot say how wrong that individual was. It would seem impossible in the present day to live among our fellow-citizens under such circumstances.

It would seem that we must know something of the past. We must live today and be sure that this day is filled with the best that is available.

This day, to-day, should be lived in such a way that we can, at the end of the day, look back and be gratified with our accomplishments and good deeds. Each morning we should say, "This is going to be the greatest day of my life," and then live this day in such a manner as to justify that statement.

As a part of to-day's program of living we *must* devote some time to preparing for tomorrow. We cannot individually, as a family, as an organization or as a community, go on day after day living today with no thought of tomorrow.

There are so many things to heed in our plans for tomorrow that to-day's work must include a considerable portion for tomorrow's plans. The future of our mental, moral, and physical being depends upon it and our material provision must be considered even as the squirrels make provision for the winter.

We must never be as negligent of the

future as the tired old man of proverbial fame who permitted his house to fall into decay and destruction for want of roof repairs. When asked why he didn't repair his roof he said,"When the sun shines it needs no repair and when it rains I can't shingle".

Topics in Brief

The holiday season was marked with very many outstanding events. Christmas is a most joyful season here, and one which everyone anticipates with great joy. Everyone is busy thinking of others; making presents, wrapping gifts, rehearsing for the varied holiday programs and striving in all ways to make the season a joyful one. On December 1 rehearsals for the Christmas play, "Peace I Give Unto You" were started. This play was presented on December 18, and the cast gave a most able performance. This was the main part of our Christmas Concert Program. The Choir assisted with several selections, all excellently given. Solos, recitations and music by the brass quartet completed another of our very fine Christmas programs.

The boys were with their parents on December 9 or 10. This gave them opportunity to see the holiday sights in Boston and elsewhere, and enabled all to make whatever purchases they wished. A few were, for various reasons, unable to be with their parents, and members of our faculty were happy to take these into town. Boston in holiday attire proved a wonderful attraction for most of our boys, many of them seeing the city for the first time in its Christmas dress.

Mr. William L. Barnard gave a showing of moving pictures of Siam on December 5. This is the third year Mr. Barnard has been to us with his annual pictures and we are grateful to him for his kindness. Besides taking the pictures, Mr. Barnard edits and titles them carefully, and plays specially selected music. A loud speaker arrangement permits him to explain fully the story of the pictures. The President of the Board of Managers, Mr. Arthur Adams, was instrumental in having Mr. Barnard visit us. Mr. Adams accompanied Mr. Barnard and both were warmly greeted by the School.

The week of December 19 was the final week of the fall term, and was devoted to examinations on the work of the term. A vacation was enjoyed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 3. The vacation period was given over mostly to basketball, with the boys busily engaged in organizing for the regular Sears competition series which begins each year on New Year's Day.

The Faculty enjoyed a Christmas party on Dec. 22, with Principal George R. Ronka acting as Santa Claus. This is an annual party, reserved exclusively for the faculty, and one which results in considerable amusement as each "joke" present is unwrapped and the accompanying message read.

The Christmas celebration began on Christmas Eve with a group of carolers composed of the Choir with assisting faculty members going about the building singing the beautiful old songs of Christmas time. Snow fell quietly from the heavens as the carols were sung, and the group, dressed in old fashioned blue robes, made a lovely picture. After the singing was completed, the group was invited to have refreshments at the Adams House.

One of the Christmas happenings is possibly unknown to most of our readers However it has taken place here for years and is traditionally a part of our program.

This is the visitation of the faculty in a group to the boys' dormitories at Midnight Christmas Eve. Everyone wishes everyone else a "Merry Christmas". The boys, some of them, have been awake waiting for the visit, but most of them have long since fallen asleep. Most of them become aroused and assist in the celebration. A "Santa Claus" is delegated to see that the boys' stockings are filled with fruit peanuts, noisemakers and such so that Christmas joy reigns on Mansion Hill early Christmas morn.

Santa Claus, in the person of Ernest B. Walston, arrived here via the Pilgrim III on Christmas morning. Mr. Walston, being our former principal for several years, was known to most of the boys, but many failed to recognize him behind the venerable makeup of Santa. The boys and instructors assembled in Chapel and Mr. Meacham introduced Santa. Both then began the task of delivering several hundred Christmas gifts. Almost two hours were devoted to this busy, though highly entertaining task. It was a joy to watch the boys receive their presents and note their real appreciation of the gifts they received. There were presents for everyone, and every boy received several gifts.

President Arthur Adams has for many years made a Christmas present to the School. This year the Mordelia troupe gave an outstanding performance. Accordion selections, singing, dancing, novelty readings and piano features were warmly received. It has been a long time since we had such a fine musical program. The gracious act of the Alumni Association in presenting everyone with a pound box of candy, another annual part of our Christmas observance of many years standing, helped in making the afternoon with the Mordelias very fine.

Mr. Walter Fannon, a South Boston scoutmaster, visited us on December 26 and brought with him a very interesting program of moving pictures. Mr. Fannon has kindly shown his interest in our boys in many ways, and we appreciate his spirit of helpfulness.

Our Boy Scout Troop held its annual Christmas party during Christmas week. A group of the newer boys in the school were guests of the troop. Several instructors were present. The troop had a very happy time under the direction of Santa Claus, (Eugene Proctor).

Going Skating

During the Christmas vacation we went skating, over at the south end of the island. We played many games, and had lots of fun. The older boys chose teams and played hockey. I did not know how to skate, but my brother gave me some advice. Once we made piles of snow on the ice and jumped over them. Some of the boys played a kind of tag-skating game.

Wellman E. Bonsey

Christmas Carols

On Christmas Eve twenty boys, most of whom were members of the Choir, went around the buildings singing Christmas Carols. It was snowing that evening, and the carollers made a nice appearance singing. Five instructors went with us. We wore blue robes. Each caroller had a flashlight to read the hymns. Robert English played his cornet to lead the singing. One of the instructors took pictures, he having a flash bulb attached to his camera. After singing, Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invited us to the Adams House where we had cocoa and cookies. While

we were eating we played games, and David Wilson did mind-reading. During the evening coins were tossed at us. We decided to give the coins, which amounted to nearly seven dollars, to the Salvation Army.

Milton W. McNamara

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 57° on the fourth.

Minimum Temperature 13° on the second.

Mean Temperature for the month 34°.

Nine clear days, six partly cloudy, and sixteen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	110.85
	$1327.52

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$525.76
Trading Co. Deposits	606.09
Cottage Row Deposits	1.42
Photo Company Deposits	46.71
Surplus	147.54
	$1327.52

Calendar 90 Years Ago, December 1848

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Received from the city our Winter supplies consisting of 4 tierces Rice, 1 bbl. sugar, 120 bu. I. Meal, 10 do. Rye, 8 bbls. Beef and 5 galls. Camphene.

9. Received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cattrill of Montpelier, Vt.

23. Ann Morrison returned home with Miss Ball.

During the year past, forty-four boys have been admitted and thirty-one have left, of whom, ten are now with farmers and mechanics, one is employed in a store, and twenty have returned to their friends.

The present number is eighty-five; of whom fifteen are between eight and ten years of age; thirty-one, between ten and twelve; thirty-four, between twelve and fourteen; three, between fourteen and fifteen; and one fifteen years old.

Awards

Twenty-two boys received awards or honorable mention for excellence in conduct and effort for the past period of six months. Those who received this distinction are listed below. The Shaw Prizes are substantial cash awards. The Temple Prizes are books. Of the seven who received honorable mention are four boys who came to the school in September and who were tied for the same rank.

Shaw Prizes

1 Roland Hallberg
2 Donald L. Davis
3 John J. McGraw
4 Ralph E. Pratt
5 Ernest Burns
6 William N. Dodge
7 Richard J. Nelson
8 Charles H. Grant
9 Stanley C. Morton
10 Maxwell M. Clark

Temple Consolation Prizes

11 George W. Harris
12 D. Carleton Reardon
13 J. Howard Rolston
14 Robert W. MacWha
15 James F. St. Coeur

Honorable Mention

16 Donald G. Brown
16 Wallace F. Chouinard
16 David G. Haeger
16 William J. Lawson
20 Arthur W. Chase
21 Robert G. Ryerson
22 David N. Moseley

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JOHN R. MACDONALD, '35, is the cartoonist who conceived the message and executed the drawing on the front page. Better than a New Year's resolution, it carries with it all of the essential elements of a complete program for 1939. It is worth studying because it carries a great message. Macdonald displayed considerable drawing talent during his undergraduate days at F.T.S. Then he went on and graduated from Weston High School. He did not take the art courses but while in the hospital recovering from a football injury there was an art contest at the high school. Macdonald entered the contest because he had little to do while lying in bed at the hospital and he won first prize in the contest. For the past year and a half he has been Night Supervisor here but some day he will be one of America's leading cartoonists.

Clarence W. Loud, '96, is receiving congratulations from his wide circle of friends because he recently became granddaddy to a sweet baby girl. The young lady was born on Halloween Eve, October 31st. Her name is Nancy Barbara Fane. Her daddy is an officer in the merchant marine and he was not able to see his daughter until she was nearly a month old. The mother, Mrs. Ruth Loud Fane, and daughter are doing well. Good wishes to Nancy Barbara for a long and happy life. Congratulations to the family.

Elvin C. Bean, '36, is another of our recent visitors. He has been employed for some time now by the Friend's Bakery of Melrose.

Francis A. Curtin, '35, is employed by the Boston Globe. He works in the composing room of that newspaper. His home address is 112 School St., Hyde Park, Mass.

Leonard O. Pierce, '34, visited us recently. He is working at the Hotel Lenox in Boston.

Raymond L. Beck, '36, graduated from Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vermont, last June. He is now a freshman at Boston University. By working for an oil concern evenings he is able to meet part of his college expenses.

Harold F. Bent, '35, writes interestingly of his activities at Gorham Normal School in Maine, where he is preparing to teach Vocational Arts.

Gordon S. Martin, '19, is Chief Printer of the 12th Naval District, with headquarters at San Francisco, California.

William D. DeLorie, '37, is employed as paper cutter for a Boston firm. He visits us frequently, especially on days when athletic events are scheduled. His home address is 7 Burke Lane, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

William Littlejohn, '36, is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He has been in the army over a year now, and is a musician, playing in both band and orchestra at Fort Belvoir.

Francis Floyd, '27, is recuperating from a serious injury received in an automobile accident. His address is 197 Warren Street, Allston, Mass.

We appreciate deeply the many fine cards and other Holiday remembrances from the graduates.

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Community Fund Campaign

On January 23 the boys in the band went to the Mechanics Building to play in the pageant held by the directors of the Community Federation.

We left the Island directly after supper, and two busses were waiting at City Point, which took us to the Mechanics Building.

There were all kinds of activity upon our arrival. A great many were taking part in the pageant parade and all were getting ready. We had a place in a hall next to the auditorium where we could leave our instruments and coats. We had no preparations to make, so we visited around the room. Many of the boys had friends who came to be with them.

Shortly after nine o'clock we began to get ready, as we were to lead the parade. The band got all lined up and received final instructions. We walked to a point in the back part of the stage, where we waited for two or three minutes. Then the door opened, symbolizing the "open door" of the Community Federation, this being our signal to begin the parade.

We marched down the stage and then onto the main floor, up the center aisle and around the rear and back to our starting point where we were stationed at the left of the stage. Meanwhile dozens of other pageant participants were parading through the open door into the hall.

The many varied parts of the parade were very interesting. Some were historical, and gave an indication of the value Boston and surrounding towns are given.

After the pageant parade was completed everyone stood at attention and sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Succeeding this the meeting was adjourned. We returned to our busses, the Pilgrim III and Thompson's Island.

Douglas M. Bashaw

The Slide Rule

The slide rule, sometimes called humorously the "slip stick" is a very helpful instrument for mathematicians.

I am not yet very adept in the use of this instrument, but I can explain some of its uses.

The slide rule has six scales, namely A, B, C1, C, D, and K.

First let me give an explanation of how multiplication is accomplished. For this process the C and D scales are used. The indicator, a transparent piece with a hairline in its center, goes back and forth

over the scale. To multiply move the slide so that the number "1" at either end is on the number you wish to multiply. Next put the hairline over the other number on the opposite scale. Your answer will then appear on the D scale.

Division is practically the reverse of multiplication. The divisor is placed over the dividend and the answer appears over the end number "1".

Winthrop Davidson

The World's Best Short Story

To those interested in stories, especially short stories, I would highly recommend "The Necklace" by the author Guy de Maupassant. I truly agree with many thousands that this composition is the best in the world.

The plot of the story is based on the borrowing and returning of a diamond necklace. The story takes place in France, at the time when rich and fancy balls were given in beautifully decorated palaces, and when cabs were just coming into use.

The motive which goes with this story is to be truthful about all things and face everything in a wise and manly way. If the characters in this story had been honest in the first place they would not have had to spend two years to earn thirty-six thousand francs in order to pay for a five hundred franc paste necklace.

John J. McGraw

"Men Against the Sea"

"Men Against the Sea" is the title of a book which I have recently read, and which I liked very much. It is written by Nordhoff and Hall, and is one of three which are based on the mutiny aboard H.M.S. Bounty.

This story is based on the activites of Captain Bligh, of the Bounty after the mutiny. He is cast from his vessel in an open boat with those who remained loyal to him. Captain Bligh and his men have many grave experiences, but finally reach England after a perilous 33,000 mile journey.

Edwin W. Colby, Jr.

The Magazine "Scholastic"

In the magazine "Scholastic" which we have in School, I like the March of Events and the Weekly Problems of Democracy. The former tells the news of Europe and other countries, and also what the United States is doing in the armament program. The Weekly Problems of Democracy gives assistance in how to be better citizens. It tells how to stop people from cheating the government. If we, of the younger generation, read such articles we shall become better citizens.

Richard J. Nelson

The Wind

The wind is a silent wanderer true,
He makes trees sway in a graceful mood,
Scuttles the birds in their homeward flight,
And makes them seem like some gallant knights.
He hurries along the grey flurrysome clouds
Across the sky in long streamless bands,
Lights off people's hats and blows them up high
Into the air against protest and cry.
At times he is a little rough indeed,
He whips up seas and churns them around,
Distresses ships and wrecks them on shores
Across reefs and jaggled shoals.
But most of the time he is a helper and friend
An aid for nature and a companion for men.

William N. Dodge

Our Library

How little we realize what culture and knowledge can be obtained from books! The library of this school can provide for extensive reading. The types of these books range from Appleton's "Tom Swift" series to encyclopedias,bibliographical volumes, and personal writings of numerous noted men. A few better known authors represented in our library are Zane Grey, Peter B. Kyne, Charles Dickens, Robert Stevenson, Walter Scott, and Shakespeare. Great Natural Histories, The Complete History of Boston, Bible Stories, and volumes of orations from Homer to McKinley are all there to be read by all.

Our library has also a modern touch with such books as Jack O'Brien's "Silver Chief", Jack London's "White Fang", and Hall's "Hurricane". Many of our books have been national prize winners and best sellers. Kenneth Robert's "Northwest Passage" is such an example. For the sea lovers there are numerous books such as "The Cruise of the Sally D," "All Sails Set," and "Head Wind." Other books of typical young men are "Navy Blue and Gold," and others.

This extensive library is as old as the school, and many volumes bear copyrights dated a century ago. Some books appear to have been printed during the early years of our school's existence.

Mr. Albee is in charge of the library, and generally assumes responsibility. Murdock Moore is assistant librarian. An average of fifty volumes are loaned each week. The boys read continually.

The library is in three parts. Mr. Ronka has certain books reserved for required reading. Reference work forms the second part, and recreational the third.

Many of the boys have given books to the recreational library. Mrs. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. Ronka and other instructors have given volumes to the general library. From time to time the School purchases books. Nearly always the library is supplemented by books from the Boston Public Library.

Records show that the boys take advantage of this great opportunity. Each boy may take a book to read and exchange it for another as soon as he finishes it.

Calvin L. Wilder

Shakespeare's "Macbeth"

A few weeks ago the Junior Class began the study of the great Shakespearian tragedy, "Macbeth". The play takes place in Scotland, at the time that Edward the Confessor ruled England.

Macbeth is a fearless and undaunted fighter, about thirty years old. Noted for his bravery, he became a great friend of the Scottish King. His conscience is in the form of three witches who guide him throughout his life.

Macbeth is loyal to his king, but has a wicked wife. His conscience and his wife drive him to kill the king which he does, thus gaining the throne. Banquo, his best friend, becomes suspicious and suspects Macbeth's great crime. To protect himself, and keep the throne in his family, Macbeth murders Banquo and his son.

This did not end Macbeth's difficulties. He discovered that many had suspected him, and to avoid Banquo's fate, they had fled to other countries. Macduff, a Scotch nobleman, was one of these. Macbeth became increasingly worried and had Macduff's entire family murdered.

Meanwhile Macduff, and Malcolm, the son of the former king, convinced Edward of Macbeth's great crime. Siward, a great fighter, led one thousand men and subdued Macbeth's army.

Malcolm, the rightful ruler took over the throne. Macbeth and his entire family, and followers, were put to death.

Robert J. English

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Getting Along With People

We wish space permitted a complete discussion of this topic. There is so much conflict, war and intense sorrow which could be avoided if we could all get along together harmoniously.

Nations clash against each other, people within nations develop and maintain group hatreds, individuals fight with each other. Practically all of this fundamentally comes from individuals demanding that we *get our rights.*

If the human individuals far and wide (and right at home) could and would *give* and understand the other fellow most strife would cease and we would be *so happy.*

This School and all other schools should be very definitely dedicated to the objective of living and teaching harmony. Giving and not getting should be the fundamental purpose. It is the real duty and work of every teacher to promote understanding and the thought that the other fellow might after all be right.

When we struggle to get we place the cart before the horse. There is plenty of food and other materials and happiness for all but we are certainly not making the best use of these many blessings.

Topics in Brief

The model Cape Cod cottage, of which many of our readers are familar, built by the late Robert MacKay, an alumnus, was on exhibition two weeks beginning January 24. It attracted considerable attention at South Station, where it was placed in a prominent position, giving all an excellent opportunity to examine it.

The Boston Globe of January 15 had an excellent group of pictures in the rotogravure section taken here by Mr. Arthur Griffin of the Globe staff.

Mr. Walter Fannon, South Boston scoutmaster, was here on January 14 taking moving pictures of various activities. He also was kind enough to bring his projector and give a showing of motion pictures to the boys.

Open House was observed here on January 9, in conjunction with the Community Federation of Boston, in which we are a participating agency. On January 23 the Band took part in the huge pageant which launched the drive for funds for 1939 which will support more than one hundred schools, hospitals and other social agencies.

There has been some skating during the month. This sport is very popular with the boys and all of them enjoy the various ice games. Very little snow made winter sports such as sliding, skiing, and so forth impossible. The first three weeks of the month were quite mild, but the last week saw the thermometer go to near zero readings, and a terrific gale lashed the Island on January 30.

We wonder if any other group of one hundred or so boys have such a fine basketball program as that which our boys enjoy. The older boys are members of the school team, which plays a game every Saturday with a Church or Y. M. C. A. team. Another group, up to fourteen years is known as the Junior varsity, and they play similar age groups each Saturday. The numerous trips to gymnasiums in town are greatly enjoyed. The teams have been winning and losing in equal fashion, and having a grand time of it.

Manager Philip Sears gives a silver shield and individual trophies to the outstanding team and players in the Sears trophy league. Four teams play in this series. As yet it is imposible to predict a winner. The smaller boys are members of the Nut League, and five teams are having a spirited race to determine honors with this group.

Eleven teams indicate the fact that everyone has opportunity to play, and also the strong hold which the game has upon the boys interest.

Our library received many splendid additions during the Christmas season, and some new books have been added since the New Year. A careful record shows that our boys are making extensive use of the library.

On New Years Day our winter program of basketball was officially opened. Eight teams played. In the evening a party was held in the Assembly Hall, staged and operated by the boys' orchestra, of which Myron A. Pratt is the leader. This pleasant event closed an unusually pleasant holiday season.

The winter term of school began on January 3, and will continue until the latter part of March. The week previous to January 3 was vacation week.

The Band shows constant improvement, and the effects of losing more than half the band members by Graduation is being unnoticed more and more An ambitious Beginners' Band has been rehearsing steadily and hope to make an appearance before the School in the near future. There is a very interesting program for the spring and it seems that our Band will uphold its fine record, as it always does, even though sometimes

Graduation seriously affects the band membership.

The Scout troop has been having pleasant winter activities. On many a winter night the troop has enjoyed an evening out-of-doors and some of the boys have learned, for the first time, the names and locations of some constellations of stars.

Our Sunday Services are being conducted by Mr. Lloyd Perrigo who brings to us an inspiring message every Sunday. The boys regularly take part in the services, and those with musical talent have furnished special music each Sunday throughout the winter.

The freshman, eighth and seventh grade pupils furnished programs for Assembly this month. The freshman explained the original setting and meaning of many of the old sayings we use as quotations today. The eighth grade boys gave a unique presentation of the tax problems which every householder must meet. The seventh grade pupils gave an excellent history program, based on early American notables.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, January 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

Eighty-five boys in the School. Of the above, twenty-five have both parents living; fourteen have a father; thirty-eight, only a mother; and eight are orphans.

7. A sermon was read to-day by the Teacher.

14. The Superintendent conducted the religous services.

24. Commenced the writing lessons.

28. A discourse was read to the boys on this and the last Sabbath by the Superintendent.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

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RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$113.98
Cash	1216.67
	$1330.65

LIABILITIES

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Cottage Row Deposits	1.49
Photo Company Deposits	51.13
Surplus	105.13
	$1330.65

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 55° on the tenth.

Minimum Temperature 4° on the twenty-seventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 28°.

Four clear days, eight partly cloudy. and nineteen cloudy.

Raising a Dairy Calf

The new-born calf should have a clean well-bedded pen ready to receive her. If the calf is weak it will be best to assist her in nursing.

Taking the calf from her mother is usually done about 24 to 36 hours after birth. Much patience is needed in teaching the calf to drink.

Her milk ration may be slowly increased, taking care not to give her too much, as digestive disturbances may occur. When she is about one month old skim milk may be fed, and grain gradually added to her diet.

At about the age of five months the skim milk diet can be discontinued and calf meal substituted. As the calf grows older increase her grain and hay rations. At all times handle her quietly and keep her clean.

George W. Jefferson, Jr.

Football Awards

At a recent Assembly, honors for the football season were announced and awards made. Those who earned the Varsity Football Certificates, given by the School, were:

Weston O. Page, Captain
John Dunn
Howard M. Colpitts
William J. Bevans, Jr.
Maxwell M. Clark
Robert J. English
George F. Connors
James R. Langton
Eugene Proctor
Leonard I. Scott
Percie R. Berry
Harold K. Malmgren
Charles A. Pecce
Robert W. MacWha
Arthur A. Roulston
Arthur W. Chase
Karl G. Hulten

In the intra-mural program, the Crusaders, captained by Edwin W. Colby, Jr., won the championship. The Silver Shield, awarded annually by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, to the outstanding team, was presented, and had engraved upon it the names of the 1938 Shield Team as follows:

Calvin L. Wilder
John H. Bonsey
Arthur L. Thibodeau
Donald F. Griswold
James G. Connor
J. Howard Rolston
Donald L. Rice
Richard A. Martin
Eugene S. Emerson
John J. McGraw
Edwin W. Colby, Jr. (Captain)
Ralph E. Pratt
Kenneth M. Walley

Individual athletic trophies, also given by Mr. Crosby, for the superior player in each position were awarded to the following:

John V. Johansson
Arthur L. Thibodeau
Donald F. Brown
Douglas M. Bashaw
William L. Schlegel
William B. Pratt
Robert G. Ryerson
Richard A. Martin
Warren A. Danner
William N. Dodge
Raymond B. Harrington
George R. Davis

The Jester's Comments

A Horse

A horse so fair and a horse so bright, An animal with its head upright.
He can pull and strain and stop and go, He's ready for the words "getup" or "whoa".
He likes his oats at the end of the day, so that he can work and he can play; but if you mistreat this brawny beast, you're liable to land in deep, deep sleep.

By Russell L. Letson, Jr.

The Unlucky Algebra Pupil

The teacher assigned a problem to do,
That everyone did except little Tom Blue.
He scratched his head and looked at the floor
Then turned around and looked at the door,
He raised his hand for the teacher to see.
He had thought of a way, that was excused to be.
The teacher said "No", till the test was out
Then Tom got mad, and did he pout!
Tom got the very lowestmark,
But said he didn't care a spark.
When Tom got home his father was there
And when he heard of Tom's mark,
Into him did he tear.

Arthur W. Chase

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The Alumni Dinner Committee has announced that the Hotel Lenox has been selected for the event this year. Feb. 16 is the date. A splendid program has been arranged.

The January Meeting

The regular winter meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Jan. 12, with President Howard B. Ellis, '98, presiding. The regular business was taken up with dispatch, and the Association found the reports of the various committees complete and satisfactory.

There then followed some agitation for a change in the Annual Dinner. Interesting discussion provoked many suggestions for changes which may ultimately result. Foremost was the request to open the dinner to the ladies, and to this suggestion many replies were made. It seems that this is a likelihood in future years. Then the question of moving from the Boston hotels to a suburban hall was brought before the meeting. This also was received with interest. Both questions properly fall to the Committee in charge of the Dinner, and the sentiments of the Association were expressed to the Committee for action as conditions warranted.

The meeting, held at 40 Court Street, was significant because of the excellant attendance. It is apparent that larger quarters may be necessary if this increased attendance is evident at subsequent meetings. President Ellis urgently requests all members to attend these meetings whenever possible, for they are interesting, informative and give all an opportunity to participate actively in the affairs of the Association.

Committees For 1939

Membership

Clifton E, Albee, '21, Ch.
Francis A. Curtin, '35
C. Archie Graves, '07
Arthur H. Pickard, '34
Frank L. Washburn, '83

Entertainment

Robert E. Dudley, '16, Ch.
Chester W. Buchan, '21
Waldo L. Waters, '30

Auditing

Norman F. Morse, '85, Ch.
Donald S. MacPherson, '17
Charles E. Nichols, '07

Alumni Fund

Clarence W. Loud, '96, Ch.
Walter B. Foster, '76
Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21
Alfred W. Jacobs, '10
Alfred C. Malm, '01

Bell Fund

Will F. Davis, '79, Ch.
Henry A. Fox, '79
James H. Graham, '79

Nominating

Clarence P. Hobson, '23, Ch.
James F. Dutton, '82
George G. Noren, '02

A partnership has been formed between William West, '28, and Theodore Vitty, '29, for the sale of all kinds of insurance.

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The Fire

There was to be in the Beacon this month an article telling about our preparations here in case of fire. In its place we must relate our experience with an actual fire, and describe how successful our drill and fire-fighting plans worked under pressure.

On the evening of March 1, at 7:45, Mrs. Mary C. B. Jones, our laundry instructor, noticed a thin waft of smoke coming from a crack in the floor of her room, located on the second floor, north west corner of the west wing, of the Main Building. She called Mrs. Mae Mitchell, dormitory instructor, who has the room opposite her. While Mrs. Mitchell was sounding the alarm, Mrs. Jones notified Mrs. Wilhelmina B. Thomas, Secretary, who promptly called Headmaster William M. Meacham on the local telephone and then the Boston Fire Department on the outside phone. This spread the alarm to Police Department, Coast Guard and newspaper men. Five boats were immediately dispatched from the main harbor carrying men from these several organizations.

Our fire drill demands immediate vacating of the buildings and this was done in a brief two or three minutes, even though five pupils were in bed ill. The boys were all present and one older boy, Myron A. Pratt, was placed in charge of them. The entire student body went to the gymnasium.

By this time the women members of the faculty were being cared for in the Adams House and the men began fighting the fire. Hand chemical extinguishers were brought into play and several lines of hose began their work.

The fire was in the ceiling and partitions of the first floor. Water and chemicals caused great clouds of smoke, which smothered the fire somewhat, holding it in check. The entire wing was closed so as to prevent draft.

The staff here was successful in holding the fire to the area described above when the Firemen, Coast Guard and Police arrived. Acting Chief Thomas Brown, of the Fire Department, took charge and after a little more than half an hour fire-fighting the blaze was declared extinguished. It was necessary to tear much lath and plaster from the walls and ceilings to get at the fire.

Meanwhile representatives of the Boston newspapers were busy interviewing members of the school staff, and ascertaining the boys' viewpoint of the fire. The morning papers, March 2, had comprehensive articles regarding the fire, with pictures.

As far as we know, this is the first serious fire which we have had at the school. It was started, according to the

fire department, by old, worn, electrical wiring in the ceiling of the northwest corner room, first floor of the west wing.

From beginning to end there was no confusion, and it is impossible to give special credit to any individual. Much credit is due every pupil and the entire staff,—all did their part nobly. The prompt and efficient work of the Boston Fire Department and other city services undoubtedly saved us from a major conflagration, for which we are truly grateful.

Smoke was forced through floors, wall partitions, and apparently everywhere. Rooms as far away as the top of the north wing were smoky. The construction of the century-old building is such that there are no fire stops, and smoke appeared nearly everywhere.

The most important result of the fire was in proving the worth of our fire drill in saving life. No one was injured in the slightest. In fighting the fire and saving property the fire department officials were amazed that the school staff was able to attain such exceptional results. As a matter of fact, excepting for some hand apparatus, which the coast guardsmen and firemen brought, no equipment was used excepting that which we have ready for our own use.

Very shortly work will be begun in repairing the damage, and it is expected that all traces of the fire will have disappeared within a month or two.

Anniversary Scout Party

During Scout week the members of the troop gave a party for all the boys. The welcome was given by Mr. Ronka, the chairman of the troop committee. Then Mr. Jones, a troop committee man, gave a short talk on American principles which he followed by reading an article by Dr. James West, the chief scout executive. Then there were several reels of motion pictures. One of the pictures, "The Forgotten Man" was very funny. During the movies everyone was given a bag of peanuts. The reason the troop gave the party was to do something for everybody in the school.

Ernest Burns

The Beginners' Band

The Beginners' Band is for all those who want to learn to play an instrument. I play cornet in this band. It is very interesting to note how different notes are obtained by the valves. It is almost as much fun as the regular band. We play several pieces now. In the beginners' band there are two snare drums. a bass drum, cymbals, eight cornets, five trombones, three basses, two baritones, three altos and six clarinets.

Wallace G. Hardy

The Sportsmens' Show

I was one of a group chosen to go to the Sportsmens' Show in the Mechanics Building. There were exhibits of all the companies which specialize in sporting goods equipment, such as tents, canoes, guns, and so forth. During the program there were contests of wood splitting, log rolling, line casting and one man demonstrated sling shot shooting. We all had a good time.

Walter Johansson

Schoolwork

I am in the sixth grade, and we study six subjects. They are Arithmetic, English, Spelling, History, Geography, and Reading. I like Arithmetic better than the other studies, because I can do it better. Our teacher is Miss Graham.

Weltman Bonsey

Washington's Birthday

A few days before February 22 the boys elected Weston O. Page and Charles Pecce to act as captains for the sports on Washington's Birthday. There was no snow, and the ground was muddy, so the boys played a number of games in the gymnasium. Some were speed games, some obstacle, and one was a basketball shooting contest. The last event was a tug of war. The team captained by Charles Pecce was the victor by winning one more game than the losers, and the winners had candy, fruit and cookies given them. They shared with the losers, so everyone had something.

William F. Etheridge

Fire Experience

When the fire broke out on March 1 I was sick in bed with the grippe. I was sleeping when the alarm sounded and did not hear it. The first thing I knew about a fire was when Mr. Pickard awoke me and we left the dormitory together. Afterwards all the boys were in the gym. They were playing basketball. Some reporters came up and took pictures of the sick boys, as there were five of us.

David Haeger

Basketball

Basketball is a very interesting game, and nearly all the boys play. Every Saturday the varsity and junior varsity play, either here or in town. Also on Saturday the "Nut" League teams, made up of the youngest players have their games. On Tuesdays the teams playing for the Shield and Trophies have their games. The season begins on January 1, and continues until around the first of April. I will be sorry to see the season come to a close, as it has been a good one.

Arthur L. Thibodeau

Farm Work

I am the smallest boy on the farm. Each day I go with the farm crew to the barn, where we get assignments as to what to do. I always go with some larger boys. I like the farm work very much. It is a good, healthy job for we are in the fresh air nearly all the time. I hope to work on the farm for a long, long, time.

Arthur Brosseau, Jr.

Our Drum Lessons

Eight of the boys, who make up the drum sections of both the regular and beginners' bands go in town every Friday to take drum lessons. Mr. Warren meets us at the boat landing and takes us to the studios of our teacher, Mr. George Lawrence Stone. Mr. Stone is a wonderful drummer and has taught some of America's finest drummers. We have a lesson for one hour. Then Mr. Warren takes us to visit some place. Once we went through a musical instrument manufacturing plant and another time we visited the new courthouse building in Pemberton Square.

Roger Hardy

Sports

I have been here now for nearly a year and a half, and have played nearly all sports. The principal sports are basketball, baseball, football, tennis, swimming, and skating. Other winter sports are skiing, tobogganning, sliding, hockey, and ice games. Among the games not listed above which I like are horseshoe pitching, marbles, volleyball, track and checkers. There are games to play all the time here. It is now marble season.

Franklyn S. Harris

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Our sincere and grateful appreciation should be extended to a very wide circle of friends who were helpful and very thoughtful at the time of our recent fire.

The eighty-nine boys at the School all responded to the alarm, quickly, quietly and orderly. Each of the instructors quickly did his or her part and the men were especially effective in checking the fire and preventing its spread.

The Boston fire boat was at our wharf in less than thirty minutes and these fire fighters made short work of the blaze.

The Boston police boat also responded and offered assistance. The Coast Guard boat was equally prompt and helpful.

Newspaper men and radio announcers were prompt, kindly and effective in getting the facts and informing the public. The Boston radio stations broadcast the story without undue alarm to parents and other friends. Not only the Boston papers gave the news but we have heard from friends in Florida, Vermont, and Springfield, Mass., who saw the item in their local papers.

The list of individuals who sent kindly messages of sympathy is too long to give in this space.

The essential facts are that smoke was discovered by an instructor at about 7:45 P.M., March 1. In less than three minutes all boys and adults were out of the building, carefully checked, organized, our fire apparatus assembled, and Boston fire and police departments notified. Our staff controlled the fire until about 8:20 P.M. when assistance arrived and took its job and at 10:30 P.M. they left the Island. Apparently electric wires within the walls caused the trouble. The insurance adjustment has not yet been made but it will probably be about $7,000.00.

Topics in Brief

A Christian Endeavor group, from Winthrop, conducted a Church program here on February 19. The meeting was arranged by John E. Magee, '34, who was assisted by Edward L. Very, '36. Thirty young people were in the party and the service was very much worthwhile. Two volumes of "Larry" were presented to our library by the visitors, a gift which we appreciate fully. Our band played a concert for the visitors, and many of our boys acted as escorts showing the group about the Island.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated in an outstanding manner this year. A group of the boys, accompanied by Principal George R. Ronka, attended the reception to Governor Saltonstall, at the State House in Boston. Our readers are doubtless aware that the Governor is a member of our Board of Managers, and his father was President of the Board.

In the afternoon a program of games was held. Although we traditionally hold a snowball battle on this day the lack of show prohibited this, and weather conditions made outside games inadvisable. In place of the outdoor events a series of races was held in our gymnasium, which proved highly enjoyable. The boys were divided into two groups, and the group led jointly by Charles A. Pecce and John Dunn won the meet.

Mr. Alfred C. Malm, '00, a member of the Board of Managers, and Assistant Treasurer of the School was with us on Washington's Birthday and was an interested spectator at the holiday games.

Weather conditions have made the popular winter sports enjoyed during most of the month. Skiing, sliding, and skating together with other outdoor recreation, have kept most of the boys busily engaged when the weather permitted.

A drum class of eight pupils is being privileged to study with Mr. George Lawrence Stone, one of America's finest teachers. The boys take a lesson weekly at Mr. Stone's studio. Arrangements for this opportunity were made by our Bandmaster, Frank L. Warren. Mr. Stone's interest in our boys is greatly appreciated.

On February 12 our Scout troop observed Scout Sunday by conducting a Church service. Several of the troop members took part, and our minister, Mr. Perrigo, gave a splendid talk. The program was patriotic in nature. On the anniversary of Scouting the troop held a program to which everyone was invited, this taking place on February 8.

Fourteen boys attended the Sports mens' Show at Mechanics Building, on February 9. This grand show appeals to all boys, and our boys enjoyed the many exhibits to the utmost.

The Alumni Dinner was was held on February 16 at the Hotel Lenox. Headmaster William M. Meacham, Raymond Thomas, '26, Clifton E. Albee, '21, Robert J. English '38, Myron A. Pratt '38, Weston O. Page '38, and two undergraduates attended from the School. A cordial, happy evening was enjoyed by the large group in attendance.

Headmaster William M. Meacham was one of the speakers at a meeting of a D. A. R. group in the Park Street Church on February 13. Our brass quartet played several selections.

New lining in our kitchen range was installed on February 13. Some repairs on our oil burning units have been made.

Our flagpole, 100 feet of steel, fell with a roar on February 15, during a gale which lashed the Island. Erected in 1918, the pole was the gift of the school by President Arthur Adams. For 21 years it has been a harbor landmark. On this day we had heavy fog, thunder storms, a 56 mile wind, and a forty degree drop in the temperature.

Two dozen beds have been purchased, and most of them are now in use in Senior Dormitory.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Febrnary 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

19. Mr. Collins from Roxbury came to bring his son, Solomon W. Collins, who is admitted this day.

The month of February has been unusually cold and the harbor has been frozen so as to obstruct navigation except in the channel.

A letter addressed to the president by Moses Williams Esq., Executor, with an extract from the codicil of the last will and testament of John D. Williams, Esquire, was read, whereupon, it was voted,..... (This pertained to the legacy conditions).

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 66° on the twentieth.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the seventeenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 33°.

Seven clear days, four partly cloudy, and seventeen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, February 28 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	52.81
	$1269.48

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$490.06
Trading Co. Deposits	635.32
Cottage Row Deposits	1.49
Photo Company Deposits	37.48
Surplus	105.13
	$1269.48

The Caterpillar

Long and narrow with coat so brown,
A hundred legs and eyes so round,
Up and down the ground so small,
That's the caterpillar in its crawl.

William N. Dodge

Havoc

The wood so stately and trim,
Now so battle-torn and grim.
All this the reprint of anger and hate,
This turmoil which has opened the gate.
For men who are not ready to go,
But for their country do so.
A show of courage and bravery,
All caused by the uncontrolled knavery
Of our political machinery.

Arthur A. Roulston

Aeroplanes

I made an aeroplane in the sloyd room. When it was finished another boy and I went out to fly it. Alas, it glided and ended in a spin which removed the wheels, broke the tail and one of the wings came off. This was not such a good plane. I have made many models, and the one which flew the best was a Taylor Cub.

Arthur Stilphen, Jr.

The Death of Gunga Din

The sun shone not that dreary day
The sky with clouds was covered,
And over all that fearful waste
An earthly silence hovered.

Our camp was made and ready
Our horses fed and in,
Our guide was fixing supper,
That unconquerable Gunga Din.

The earth began to quiver and quake
The cliffs commenced to crumble,
And underneath that fearful mass
Stood Gunga's horse, so humble.

Now Gunga loved his faithful horse
And thinking not of safety,
He knew he couldn't stand the loss
And ran towards him bravely.

Another quake, a fearful rumble
The cliff began to fall,
Gunga Din and his horse so humble
Were buried under all.

Another such feat I never have seen
My heart goes out towards him.
And this my friends is the frightful tale
Of the death of Gunga Din.

Warren M. Linnell

The Camp Reunion

On February 25 James McCarthy and myself, having been at a Y.M.C.A. summer camp, went to the winter reunion at the Huntington Avenue "Y". Malcolm Huston, Kenneth Walley, Walter Johansson, and William Britton also went. Myron Pratt went with us and took charge. I met my mother and she had some books and a cornet for me.

The most fun about the reunion was the swimming. Then there was a good magician who entertained. Everyone had ice cream and cookies. We all had a fine time.

George A. Jee

The Bass Drum

I play the bass drum in the Beginners Band. This is the instrument which keeps the time for the other boys. The bass drum is hard to play, at least for me. The music is written in the bass cleff, all on the same space. Some of the pieces we play are "America", "Yankee Doodle", and "Nearer, My God to Thee".

William Bernard

Our Bugle Calls

We have two bugle calls which are heard every day, excepting that the bugle call "Reveille" is not played on Sunday. "Taps" is played every night, most always not later than nine o'clock. "Reveille" is played at 6:15 every morning excepting on Sunday. On Sunday a brass quartet plays a gospel hymn. I think the best player of bugle calls is William Dodge.

Malcolm C. Huston

Dining Room Work

A group of the boys help in the dining room every morning. My mother wants to know what I do there so I write about it now. Before breakfast we set the tables and act as waiters when the boys come in. Afterwards we clear the tables, bringing all the dishes to the dishwashing machine table, and the food to another table. After the dishes are washed I see that the Frigidaire is clean. Then I am dismissed.

Milton McNamara

The worlds' first printed book, the Bible, was finished in 1455. It is known as the 42-line Bible, because there are 42 lines on a page. A copy in good condition is worth more than $275,000. A copy has been purchased by the United States Government and may be viewed at the Congressional Library, Washington, D.C.

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Alumni Dinner

The Annual Alumni Dinner, held every year during mid-winter, was held this year at the Hotel Lenox, Copley Square, on February 16. The attendance was fine, and some older graduates were welcomed who had not found it possible to be at the Alumni gatherings during the past few years.

Although many members spoke briefly, the principal speech was made by President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers. Mr. Adams, whose continual interest in every phase of our school life grows notably stronger with each passing year, told of the school as it is today. He paid special tribute to our newly elected Manager, Merton P. Ellis, '97, who has done outstanding work for the Alumni Association during the past four decades.

Headmaster William M. Meacham confined his remarks to those of pertinent interest at the School. He spoke of the activities closest to the hearts of the graduates, and all found his message of great interest. The record agricultural yield, the records made by the cattle and poultry, together with facts of everyday happenings of the boys were related. Band, sports, school and other activities had a part in his talk.

Pictures of F.T,S. on the screen were enjoyed, and the singing of the old song "The School of Jolly Boys" gave an added zest to a pleasurable program.

Certainly the committee deserves credit for one of the most pleasant evenings the association has enjoyed.

Robert H. Bogue '04 has sent us a copy of his very recent fifty-two page book "Strings, Being jottings on a trip to Europe during the summer of 1938." Dr. Bogue has written several books and hundreds of articles, mostly in the field of chemical research, but this little book is a "gem" of human experience. This copy will certainly be worn out in the reading. He says, in part:

"I think I must not react as most others do. The larger cities I pass by at once. I could become fond of the little thatched villages of England; I am fascinated by the human hardihood that has reclaimed Holland and Denmark and the slopes of the Rhine; I find inspiration in the lovely settings of Stockholm; Pottsdam and Versailles are jewels of formal elegance.

"But give me summer days on an Island in Finland to lull me to sleep by a tideless sea. Give me the lakes and the mountains of Switzerland to inspire me to nobler things and seek out the God-head in me. Give me the Risen Christ of Rembrandt, the cool hush of Westminster, a cottage of Old Warden and a bit of the wild garden that is lost in the woods back of Petite Trianon. These from the old world—yet these alone are not enough. One must work—one must serve—one must live."

Russell G. Bartholomew, '36, is a Senior at Towle High School, Newport, N.H. He works at a hotel, which helps him defray the expense of his schooling.

Almon H. Whitmore, '30, and Mrs. Whitmore, sent Holiday Greetings to many at the School. Their home is at 197 Green Street, Cambridge, Mass.

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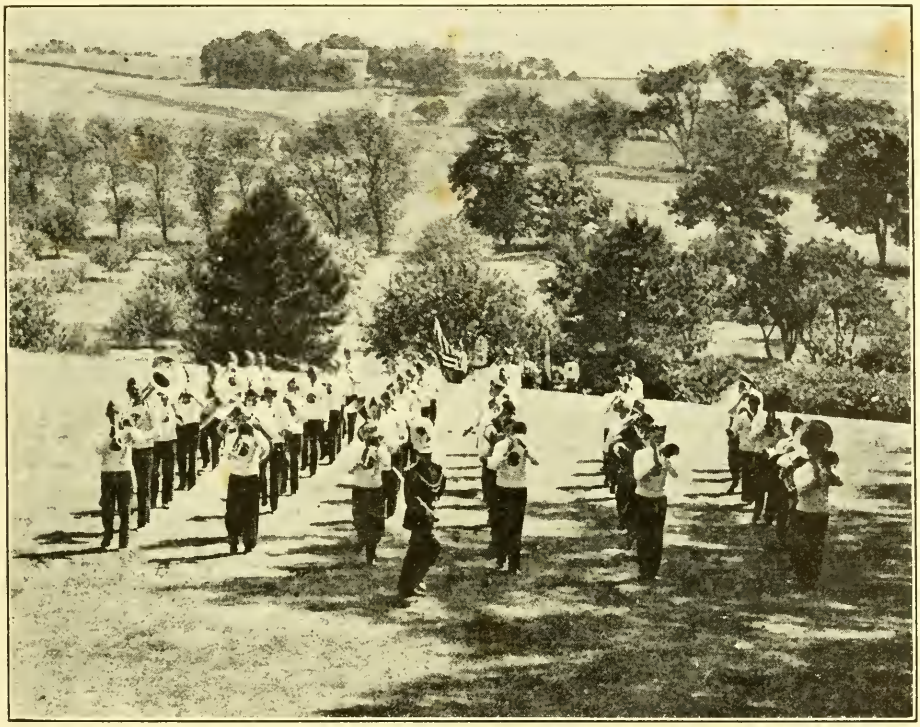

The Band Marching on Front Lawn

News of the Band

Our boys are looking forward to attending the State and New England Music Festivals, which will be held in May. The Thompson's Island boys anticipate with great pleasure playing with thousands of other young people from the orchestras, bands, and choruses of the New England schools. Ordinarily, school musical organizations are financed by their community, but our boys are dependent entirely upon contributions from friends, such as our Beacon readers, trusting to their generosity.

On April 28, at eight o'clock, the Band will give its annual spring concert

in Faneuil Hall. This will be the third succesive year that the boys have played in this historic hall. Admission will be by printed invitation, which may be secured by writing to Headmaster William M. Meacham, Box 1486, Boston. Nothing would please the Band more than a capacity audience. No contributions will be accepted at the door.

We hope that our many friends will find it convenient to give our fifty piece musical organization their whole-hearted support.

School Team Basketball

The basketball team has had one of its best seasons, by winning eight of the ten games played. The squad was composed of Myron A. Pratt, Captain; Weston O. Page, Richard A. Martin, Harold K. Malmgren, Charles H. Grant, Eugene Proctor, Howard M. Colpitts, John Dunn, Charles A. Pecce, Warren A. Danner, and Wesley C. Gustafson.

The season opened January 7, when the Quincy Baptist Church team came to the Island and overwhelmed our boys 60-32. Leonard Markley, '38, former center on our team played for the visitors.

On the following Saturday the boys went to the Trinity Church Gymnasium to play the team representing that Church. The game was remarkable for the low score, 13 for F.T.S. against 9 for Trinity.

The second win in a row came on Saturday January 21, when our boys defeated the Y.M.C.A. Village Five club 37-23. The visitors put on a strong finish, and we had no easy time during the final period.

The second and final loss of the season came on January 28, when our team lost to the Fords Club of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church. The game, played at the church gymnasium, was tense throughout, the final score being 38-32 in favor of the Fords.

A week later, on January 28, our team made up for the defeat by winning over the same team decisively 48-32, the game being played in our gymnasium.

On February 11 the team went to the Y.M.C.A. to play a return game with the Village Five. Our team held a slim lead throughout the game and won by the score of 16-14.

The Trinity Church team came to the Island on February 18, and we won another close game, the score being 25-20.

The DeMolay Team of Quincy played our boys in the school gymnasium on February 25. This was another victory for F.T.S., the score being 34-22.

From Dorchester came the team known as the "Brownies" on March 4, and the score of this game was 42-19.

The season ended on March 9 when a very close and exciting game was played with Gordon College. The F. T. S. team won in an overtime period 40-39. This was by far the best game of the season, and it closed a fine basketball program.

As usual, we had a team of smaller boys known as the Juniors. These boys played six games, winning three and losing three.

Many other games besides those regularly scheduled were played including a series of faculty-boys contests which were of especial interest.

The squad expresses to Raymond Thomas, the Coach, its appreciation for his hard work and great interest in the team.

Myron A. Pratt, Captain

Getting Down Hay

We need as much hay as we can raise for our cattle and horses. This is stored in the main barn. Every day or so I help get the hay from the haymows. It is pitched from the main barn to the floor below and then stored in a loft over the cattle barn. Oftentimes the hay crop is so large that the big barn is filled and also space in the storage barn.

William F. Etheridge

The Marble Tournaments

The boys are now having Senior and Junior marble tournaments. I am in the Junior one. I progressed until one match before the semi-finals when Eugene Emerson beat me. Even though I didn't win, I enjoyed the tournament. We play "ringer" in a six foot circle, and the player winning two games out of three earns the right to continue in the meet, while the loser is eliminated.

James F. St.Coeur

The Band

I was promoted to the band about three weeks ago. I enjoy it very much. There are many different kinds of musical compositions that make playing very interesting. It isn't easy to play the band music. Sometimes you play loudly and sometimes softly. The parts which repeat confuse me. I would advise anyone not in the band to study hard so as to become a band member.

Roger E. Hardy

My First Experience

When I arrived at the school three weeks ago some of the boys met me at the boat. I was one of six new boys. After arriving at the building we were given clothes for play and school. Then we were introduced to many of the instructors. We visited the many departments and saw what the boys were doing. Then we heard the band play. That night we played games until nine o'clock when we went to the dormitory.

Wallace O. Folkins

Practicing Cornet

I have plenty of time every afternoon to practise cornet. I am memorizing street marches now, and learning the parts to the pieces we are going to play at the concert in Faneuil Hall. I have been in the band only a few weeks, having been promoted to the regular band after being in the beginners band for a year.

Donald L. Davis

Moving Pictures

We have motion pictures about once a week. There are many different subjects. Some are about Scouting, some are comedies, and some about the Navy. Last week we had pictures showing how the government protects the streams for fishermen. We have had pictures showing the Navy in action. An interesting picture showed scenes of Jerusalem and the adventures of men in the Navy in the Holy Land.

David G. Haeger

Spreading Fertilizer

During the past week the farm boys have been spreading fertilizer. This is an important and necessary job. We have the fertilizer in pails and work across the land in a line, being careful to see that the spreading is evenly done. It is best to do this on a day when the wind is not blowing. On a windy day the fertilizer does not spread evenly.

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As the Commencement season draws near, youth is rather abruptly confronted with the necessity of making important decisions. What next? Which road to take? What of the future? Training, education, experience previously acquired should be helpful in making the decisions of life.

Whatever the question, whatever the decision to make, we should make such decision as will be most likely to lead to satisfaction and contentment. The action, the road taken, should be such that we can later look back with pride and say, "I am glad I did it that way."

A really happy life is made up of fond memories and few regrets. We all seek a happy life and if one fails it is usually because of wrong decisions, frequently taking a temporary, fleeting bit of the wrong kind of fun instead of a more permanent satisfaction.

If one could carefully study several hundred lives of all kinds, a rather accurate formula for happiness could be found. Granted that there are some injustices and some tragedies which we do not understand and good people seem sometimes to get unbearable grief, yet in spite of much rain most every day has some sunshine.

Man never built a perfect house, even with God-given materials, but many an excellent building has been constructed on a foundation solid and firm, from plans carefully made and with honest, able workmanship.

In our Flag every star represents a state. The Massachusetts star is sixth in the first row.

Topics in Brief

We could write considerably more than space permits regarding our basketball season. This grand game, which is so thoroughly enjoyed by boys and instructors alike, needs only a minimun of equipment, can be played most anytime, and allows those of varying skill to take part. Our boys played three teams this month winning over each, and the month has also seen the completion of the Sears' Trophy League. The Tigers, captained by Francis Sheldon, won the Shield. In the Nut League, after a playoff, The Peanuts, captained by Ralph Pratt, won the silver cup, awarded the victorious team made up of the smaller boys.

Since our recent fire various fire inspectors, insurance adjusters, contractors and other official visitors have been here making inspections. This business of determining our loss for insurance purposes has proceeded smoothly. It will not be long before all traces of the fire will have disappeared.

On March 2 an informal party was held, this being Mr. Meacham's birthday. The party began in the gymnasium, where supper was served. Later in the evening the instructors and boys combined in presenting an entertainment in the Assembly Hall. There is considerable talent in the School and the program was greatly enjoyed.

Our Band is making steady progress, and never has the interest in the Band been greater. A Beginners' Band of 33 members played a concert in our Assembly Hall on March 13. Our boys are preparing for the various spring trips, and our group will number 54 members. The excellent showing made by our boys over a period of many, many years is a source of great satisfaction.

Our flagpole, which fell to the ground on February 15, has been renewed. The pole, made of steel is one hundred feet high, and is situated on the highest part of our island. Our boys really study, work, and play under the Stars and Stripes.

Thirty of our boys had the privilege of attending the concert given by the All-Eastern Orchestra, Chorus and Band at Symphony Hall in Boston on March 17. The program, given entirely by boys and girls from various high schools in the eastern part of the country, was superb. There were nearly a thousand young people taking part. Our boys enjoyed the concert which was received with great enthusiasm.

A new moving picture projector, of a most approved modern type, has been added to our equipment. Our old machine apparently became worn out, after fifteen years service.

Two groups of young people have been our guests during the month. On March 11, the Old Colony chapter of the DeMolay boys visited us, ostensibly to play the boys in basketball. Two games were played, our boys winning both. This fine group of young men were escorted about the buildings and enjoyed their visit.

On Monday, March 6, the sophomore class gave a series of original playlets and poems in French. Some of the work presented showed real talent. One week later, on March 13, the Agricultural classes gave a program which was greatly enjoyed.

Every year, in March, a group from Gordon College visits us, the purpose being a basketball game. Our boys won this game. However, as is always the case, the visitors proved to be splendid guests and the visit was greatly enjoyed.

The weather has been unusual during the month. There have been warm days, and just when spring seemed to be with us permanently there would be a sudden change. On March 11 and 12 we had a snowfall of ten inches, accompanied by a 35 mile wind. Spring, which begun officially early in the morning on March 21, seemed like a real winter's day, instead of the balmy weather we had been expecting.

Necessary repairs have been made to our boat, the Pilgrim III, and very shortly the vessel will be painted and given a summer dress.

Honor Roll—Winter Term

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, 90.5; Eugene Procter, 83.5.

Sophomore Class: Murdock Clayton Moore, 91; Wesley C. Gustafson, 90.

Freshman Class: Arthur W. Chase, 89.7; Winthrop Davidson, 89.

Eighth Grade: Ralph E. Pratt, 90.4; David A. Wilson, 85.8.

Seventh Grade: William H. Britton, 89, James F. St. Coeur, 87.5.

Sixth Grade: Milton M. McNamara, 88.3; Malcolm C. Huston, 84.5.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, Eugene Proctor.

Sophomore Class: William J. Bevans, Howard M. Colpitts, Eugene Emerson, Wesley C. Gustafson, Murdock C. Moore

Freshman Class: Arthur W. Chase, Winthrop Davidson, William N. Dodge, Charles A. Pecce.

Eighth Grade: Charles Gilbert, Alan K. MacLean, Ralph E. Pratt, David A. Wilson, Roland Hallberg.

Seventh Grade: Ernest Burns, David G. Haeger, William H. Britton, Walter H. Johanson.

Sixth Grade: Malcolm B. Huston, Milton W. McNamara.

The Death of Alan Seeger

He knew he would have a rendezvous,
He knew he'd keep that appointment too.
He wanted to live like you and I,
But for France he was ready to go out
and die.
And in a battle one stormy day
He died in a very honorable way.

As twisting, skudding and running he went
Over the battle field on his mission bent.
Suddenly a shell went whistling on high
He dived for a crater that lay near by.
And turning he gave to his friend a grin
Struggled to his feet and charged into the
din.

Then suddenly there in the distance
loomed
An embankment that would see his doom.
He increased his stride to a fast run
Then came the report of a machine gun.
The gunner aimlessly fired over the field
Yet not once did the French line yield.

Seeger ran, stumbling up the hill
Took aim, fired, and the gunner lay still.
But the gunner had found the French
poilu
And there died Alan Seeger too.
So noble a death, for so noble a cause
And true until death to his colors he was.

Frank Anderson

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. John Welch, Robert Alex. Welch and Francis Wm. Potridge were admitted.

13. Mary Burns comenced work as washer, and Mary Ann McLaughlin as Assistant Seamstress.

16. Mr. Daniel Gould of Boxford came to the island to get a boy and on

17. Albert H. Flanders went to Boxford.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, March 31, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	$1216.67
Cash	23.91
	$1239.83

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	$464.93
Trading Co. Deposits	636.80
Cottage Row Deposits	1.49
Photo Company Deposits	37.48
Surplus	99.13
	$1239.83

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 58° on the twenty-fourth.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the eleventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 36°.

Nine clear days, five partly cloudy, and seventeen cloudy.

The Auction

The Sophomore Class decided to raise funds for class expenses and each member donated whatever articles he no longer wanted. Other boys in the school contributed whatever things they had which were of no further use. There were nearly 400 different articles. Mr. Meacham was the auctioneer. It was fun bidding against the other boys. I was determined to get a pair of football cleats, and I did even though the bidding was brisk. They cost me 41 cents. There were shirts, ties, pants, baseball caps, jacknives, hockey sticks, books and many other things auctioned. It was quite an occasion.

Wallace G. Hardy

An Unusual Job

One afternoon three other boys and I were told to take a pig to the pens in the basement of the storage barn. We got the pig to the barn all right, but could not get the animal to enter the proper pen. After trying for a long time I went over to south end and told my instructor. He came to the barn and the pig walked into the right pen.

William D. Bernard

Mixing Grain

I help in the poultry house and every so often I mix grain. Mash, charcoal and nicotine are mixed together thoroughly. This mixture is fed every morning. Other grains are fed during the day. Some poultrymen buy their grain all mixed, and others buy a mixed mash and add certain other things as we do. Many poultrymen buy their grains separately and mix everything.

William H. Britton

Social Problems

At the present time, the Junior Class is making a study of state and county government in the course of social problems. This study is interesting to the boys of this class because they will soon be taking part in civic life. Mrs. Ronka, our teacher of this subject, gives us plenty of reference for further study of governments. One of the best of these references is the "State Manual of the General Court of Massachusetts". It contains both the Federal and State Constitutions, besides many facts concerning courts, electoral districts, voting, and state and county officials.

Calvin L. Wilder

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The following excerpts from letters to Alumni President Howard B. Ellis '98 are interesting and appreciated.

Wesley C. Angell '17, 661 Fifth Ave., New York City, said: "For the past seventeen years I have been located in New York. It is one of my most sincere regrets that for one reason or another I have not been able to keep in contact with the Alumni Association and to occasionally visit the school. For the past five years I have traveled a great deal and at the present time I am spending more than half of my time in California. We purchased a home in Larchmont some time ago and Mrs. Angell and the two children reside there and spend a good deal of time looking out the window waiting for Daddy to come home."

Architect Ernest W. Austin '99, Columbus, Ohio, writes a letter full of memories of happy school days at F. T. S.: "A day or so before I received your letter, I heard from my youngest brother Jack, he informed me he heard some men talking about some newspaper accounts regarding the school and discovered that one of the men graduated from the school; this man is none other than Fred Burchsted.

"I have had my own business since 1925. I am the Architect for three schools being constructed under the PWA.

"I am looking forward to a visit to Boston some time during May. Mrs. Austin (Charlie Jorgensen's sister) and I were in Boston a year ago last May.

"I hope it will be possible for me to visit the school when I am in Boston. For many years after I left the school I wandered down to City Point and looked across the water to the Island that was my home for nearly six years. The school still means a lot to me."

Charles A. Blatchford '04, 11508 Miles Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "Sorry I don't live handy so I could enjoy the annual dinner and meet some of the Old School Boys again. Had a friend of mine send me some pictures of the school he got out of the Boston Globe which interested me very much, makes one think of happy days of long ago. Give my kind regards to all the members of the Alumni Association and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year, the same to Mr. Meacham and the Board of Managers."

Ralph O. Brooks '94, 9752-18 St., Brooklyn, N. Y., must use a microscope for glasses and a needle for a pen. He writes a "fine" letter in more ways than one. He relates some of the salient points in his interesting career from graduation at R. I. State College to his twenty-six years as Consulting Food and Drug Chemist. This work was done for various governments including France as well as for Rockefeller Foundation. He says "If I live long enough and the U. S. follows the lead of good old Mass. and Gov. Saltonstall, I may get up there yet. My very best wishes and success to all and everyone."

Leslie W. Graves'03 passed away Feb. 8, 1939. Services were held at his late residence, 33 Kensington Avenue, Somerville, Saturday, February 11.

Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen (Miss Mary A. Winslow) passed away on March 1.